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Find Out What's Happening Check Out Section A

Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Pop-Up Library Opening in Pleasanton

To increase family centered services to its customers, the Alameda County Department of Child Support Services and the Alameda County Library have teamed up to create a branch library at 5669 Gibraltar Drive in Pleasanton. This new P.U.L.S.E. (Pop Up Library Services for Everyone) branch will allow clients to obtain a library card, provide programming and distribute children's and parenting books, as well as act as an information hub for services related to employment, custody and visitation, health information, paternity, life-long learning and other child support related issues

Under the leadership of its Director, Matthew Brega, the Department has ventured into many out of the box activities designed to help non-custodial parents play an active role in their children's lives. In addition to celebrating its partnership with the Alameda County Library, the Department is using this reopening to recognize Father's Day and the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children. Department staff has donated over 75 new balls that will be distributed to its noncustodial parents at the event in an effort reinforce the fact that financial support is only one aspect of raising a healthy child and to encourage a strong father-child relationship through the opportunity to play together. Libraries are beginning to pop up in new locations as part of the P.U.L.S.E. Program brought to you by the Alameda County Library. The Library circulates over 6.8 million items annually, has 2.4 million virtual visits to its website each year and 5 million people walking through its doors.

Livermore Council Critical of Bay Plan

The Bay Area Plan was not a big hit with the Liverjobs and population.

more City Council. The council was asked to comment on the draft plan, which was created in an effort to coordinate land use and transportation planning through 2040 in the nine Bay Area counties. The announced goal is to reduce greenhouse gases by encouraging people to live, work and play in the same city.

MTC and ABAG led the effort to create the plan built on existing general plans within the area as well as growth forecasts in housing,

For Livermore, the plan projects 13,250 new jobs and 9,600 new homes, which does not match the city's current general plan, which calls for 50,000 new jobs and 8,000 new homes. Most of the housing will be built within three identified priority development sites: the downtown, an area between Greenville Road and Vasco Road south of the freeway, and near the proposed Isabel BART station site.

In a letter sent to MTC and ABAG, staff notes that the plan does not adequately take into account knowledge

based job growth expected to occur in the city.

Staff added that the city is not expected to amend its general plan to match the draft plan's forecast. The city will determine the type, location and density of its housing. The letter also expressed concerns regarding funding to implement development. The plan does not address demands on infrastructure.

There is funding available for transportation and planning. However, none of the transportation funding will find its way to the Tri-Valley.

Councilmember Bob Woerner questioned the adequacy of the planning. He pointed out that Livermore is on the edge of the planning area. "It ignores traffic coming over the Altamont. It assumes there is no traffic. That strikes me as ridiculous." He suggested that staff ask that the plan be more realistic. He used the word "absurd" in describing assumptions used to create the plan.

Woerner said of the envisioned BART extension to Isabel, it only makes it easier for commuters to travel to jobs elsewhere. It assumes

we are a bedroom community for jobs in other areas.

Mayor John Marchand added that the plan does not provide a lot of incentives to increase densities, since Livermore isn't receiving any money. The plan does not consider the cost of schools, police, fire, sewer or water. "Livermore believes local control is the most important element in planning.

Councilmember Doug Horner asked whether or not the conflict between building housing near freeways as called for in the plan and (See BAY PLAN, page 4)



An equestrian drill team provided entertainment during the Livermore Rodeo last weekend. For more photos, go to page 10.

Dublin Council Approves Budget, More Funds Sought for Capital Projects

The Dublin City Council ment fund payments, said has passed a \$103 million budget for the coming fiscal year, and will look at solving

city manager Joni Pattillo.

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Dublin negotiated an from one reserve fund, and

agreement in which em- \$14.9 million from other ployees pick up the city's 8 revenues. Those include roes when it comes to empercent, and incrementally such things as impact fees

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Lab Employees Opt for Early **Retirement**

A total of 399 employees are leaving the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. They opted to participate in the Lab's voluntary separation program.

Their last full day at work was June 12.

Up to 600 employees would have been allowed to take part.

With the exit of 399 employees, the Lab's work force dropped from 6200 to 5800.

No specific jobs were targeted for elimination. All career employees were eligible to apply for the voluntary reduction program. Those who applied had until last Monday to rescind the decision.

Lab spokesperson Lynda Seaver said wether or not further reductions will be determined once the fiscal numbers for 2014 are known.

The draft budget reduces funding for the Lab by \$100 million, about an eight percent reduction. Seaver said the debate is still going on as to specific cuts. However, NIF is one of the programs that will face reduced funding.

Buenas Vidas Ends; Thrift **Store Continues**

The Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, founded 40 years ago in Livermore, has sold its property to a private party and is going out of business.

Sale of the rural Livermore property will bring in enough money to pay off the mortgage and close out business, said board member Sally Bystroff.

The ranch was founded in the 1970s to house at-risk young men from all over Alameda County who could be given an upward step in life by putting them in a peaceful, rural atmosphere and giving them the responsibilities and satisfactions that go with caring for animals.

The Buenas Vidas Thrift Store, which was begun as a fund-raising opportunity to help finance the ranch, will continue in operation, with its proceeds helping to support Tri-Valley Haven.

The Haven already is operating the store. The store

(See BUENAS VIDAS, page 8)

a future funding gap with ideas they expect to discuss in August.

The council approved the budget June 4 by a 4-0 vote with David Haubert absent.

The key to balancing the budget was the willingness of city employees to work with management to resolve the question of future retire-

them," said Pattillo. Formerly, many cities using the state PERS retirement system for their employees paid 8 percent into the fund for the city's share of the payment. The cities also paid the full 8 percent

due from the employee.

ployment cost containment. over the next several years It could not be done without will reach a ceiling of paying 4 percent of their own share. The city will pay the remaining 4 percent of the employee share into the fund.

Revenue to back the \$103 million in expenditures will come from the general fund at \$80 million, \$7.6 million

and community benefit pay ments from developers.

Although the budget balances out for the coming year, the council has authorized some capital projects, notably with park and road improvements, that have no funding matched right now. Councilmembers were

(See DUBLIN, page 4)

Once the Lab receives its final 2014 budget, it will reassess its situation, Seaver says.

In the press release announcing the voluntary separation program, Lab Director Parney Albright stated, "Although there remain a (See LAB, page 4)

Historic Preservation Draws Mixed Reviews in Pleasanton

Proposals by a Pleasanton ad hoc Historic Preservation Task Force drew mixed reviews from the public and the city council.

The task force was charged with reviewing current city policies and processes to determine if they provide adequate protection of historic resources and allow for a clear process involving historic preservation issues. The task force reviewed the Downtown Specific Plan and Design Guidelines along with historic preservation language in city documents.

A report last week at the city council meeting asked for direction on how the ad hoc committee should proceed.

As reported to the council, the task force proposed establishing a local historic district and providing local standards to determine the historic significance of a structure. A prepared context statement would be used as the primary resource document and basis for

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setting the local standards. Other policies supported by the task force included writing a definition of demolition, requiring design review for first-floor residential for historic buildings, clarifying existing policies and guidelines, providing a process flow chart, completing a comprehensive historic resource survey, and implementing a Mills Act Program.

Ă subcommittee of the task force met earlier with interested residents. Based on feedback from the meetings, commercial properties in the downtown were removed from future discussions.

Members of the public speaking at last week's city council meeting offered two opposing views. One set of speakers suggested that there are already adequate policies in place to protect historic structures. What is needed is wording that clarifies and simplifies the

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Pictured are Waverly Wilson and her sister Whitney Wilson.

Students Turn Trash into Usable Items

By Carol Graham

When Grafton, Picasso and Dolores walked onstage, the assembled students of Joe Michell K-8 School greeted them with enthusiasm.

The three Labrador and Golden retrievers were there to help accept a donation from a group of after-school enrichment students who had been working all year to sew leashes made from Mylar juice pouches.

"This is a win-win for everyone involved," said Ellen Aguirre, leader of

the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. "The kids benefit from learning how to make creative and useful items along with giving back to their community. Our guide-dog club benefits from the sale of each unique item (See STUDENTS, page 3)

PET OF THE WEEK

Eager to please, 10-month-old Aubrey is a real sweetheart. This tiny rat terrier mix is a real softie when it comes to getting attention. Aubrey is looking for a calm home with a family who will cautious of her vulnerable size. She would also benefit from plenty of exercise, a puppy school training course, and lots of encouragement! Get to know Aubrey at Valley Humane Society (VHS), Tues.-Sat.10 am - 4 pm and Sun. 12 - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. For more information, call 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo credit: Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly



Livermore Charter School Moves to Permanent Site

By Carol Graham

Nearly eight years after it first opened its doors at a temporary site, and two weeks shy of the ending of this school year, the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) began teaching at its permanent Livermore location at 3252 Constitution Drive on June 3rd.

"I'm thrilled that we came now. The kids are excited, and the teachers are happy to be here," said Principal Tara Aderman. "We decided we wanted to work out all the quirks and kinks now so we'd have the whole summer to fix them. If we'd waited till next September, it would interrupt our instructional year."

Aderman noted that some of those quirks included observing students' paths around campus, reviewing master scheduling, testing fire and safety drills, making sure doors were keyed properly, and fine-tuning student drop off and pick up.

With 98% of its 1,100 students driven to the school, originally part of the Montevina business park in a non-residential area, perhaps the biggest challenge at the new campus involves student drop-off and pick-up.

"The first day a parent experienced a medical emergency that dead-stopped our valet for half an hour while we waited for the ambulance and fire truck," said Aderman. "The kids were amazing and the parents were incredibly positive once they knew that it wasn't just that our procedure was bad."

Yet with only one deadend road running along the east side of the school, traffic can back up along North Canyons Parkway, the main artery between Airway Bou-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Projects created by the students were on display at their new campus.

levard and Las Positas College.

"In the morning we offer two drop off areas. Thirteen people are out there volunteering. We unload about 30 cars at a time," explained Vice-Principal Mike Waechter. "After school, I'm out there with a microphone. As cars pull up, I'm telling the kids which cone to go to. In theory, we can have seven cars go, and another seven, and another seven, so it just keeps everything moving. We were out of here in 25 minutes yesterday Tuesday).

Aderman added that Livermore police officers have been assisting. She said that she'll be working with Wheels over the summer as well as reaching out to help parents establish carpools. "We have three things in mind: keeping kids safe, keeping the valet flowing, and keeping the traffic on North Canyons running smoothly," she said.

The new LVCS K-8 cam-

pus is 92,000 square feet with 16 buildings, 51 fullsized classrooms, a library, multi-purpose room, dining room, outdoor amphitheater, three play structures, multiple offices and more than ten outdoor learning spaces, said Aderman.

"I love being a K-8 school. I think it's the best model," she said. "For students, having the opportunity to partner and buddy is phenomenal. Sometimes middle schools use the same models as high schools. With our 6th, 7th and 8th graders, they can be part of the fifth grade's 50 States Parade or see the first grade's Apple Fest. Whatever it is that's happening, they're very much a part of the community, and they don't have to grow up so fast. It makes them feel safe.'

LVCS is a public, tuition-free charter school established in 2005. Charter schools consists of primary or secondary schools that receive public money, but are run independently from local school districts.

We request that parents volunteer 60 hours a year, but it is not required," said Aderman. "We're a California public school; we cannot have volunteer or financial requirements. We ask families to donate what they can. This year it was a little over \$1,000 per student because charter schools receive less funding than neighborhood schools. We use a separate organization to take care of the accounting; no one knows who's donated and who hasn't."

As of July 1st, LVCS will be overseen by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. "We've been a State Board of Education authorized school for the last seven years," said Aderman. "Now LVJUSD will be responsible for making sure we're meeting the plan we laid out in our charter petition. We're still our own school district, but we're very excited about working with our local district."

Enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is full, with around 500 students on the waiting list. Each year, LVCS runs a lottery for open slots in each grade level. "Typically the only place we have openings is in kindergarten," said Aderman. "Siblings receive the first priority, then children of staff members up to 10% of the school's population, then Livermore residents, then outside of Livermore." The Tri-Valley Learning

Corporation, a non-profit

organization established in 2005 to develop area charter schools, operates both LVCS and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory high school, which is currently housed at the Portola Elementary School site, but will be moving to its permanent quarters on Independence Drive adjacent to the LVCS property in the future.

For more information, visit www.lvcs.org.



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Its Recycling Program

Smith School PTA Grows

By Ron McNicoll What began as a simple effort by Emma Smith School parents to earn money for PTA school projects from a cereal company by sending in boxtops has grown into a wide-ranging recycling program.

With children having to bring in thousands of boxtops, with a remuneration of 10 cents apiece, it seemed a little frustrating, Terra Cycle sends boxes to Smith. The students and parents sort out the materials, box them up, and send them away. The most recent shipment to Terra Cycle totaled 150 pounds. Another 30 pounds was transported in a parent's van to the Livermore Recycling Center, which also pays for materials.

Some 50 to 75 pounds will be sent to e-waste recycling in a program run by Cartridges for Kids, which sends money to schools. They accept small items, such as ink cartridges, cell phones and digital cameras. Expansion of the recycling program was funded by two Altamont landfill grants in this school year. That money paid for establishment of six stations with distinct containers to help simplify sorting out cans, bottles, and other materials.

A third grant has been approved, and will come to Smith for the next school year. The funding will finance moving the program into each classroom. The grant money will pay for enough containers to accomplish that, and even add a little money to the incentives store, said Packard.

Packard expects a higher yield of recyclable materi-

said parent Shirley Packard, who came up with the recycling idea, after learning about Terra Cycle, a firm that sends money to schools in exchange for recycled materials.

The new revenue stream has been impressive. Over the past five years, recycling has raised \$17,000 for the Livermore school.

Further, the Altamont Education Advisory Board thought enough of the Smith project to award grants totaling \$6924 to improve the program.

The recycling effort has even generated an "incentive store," which rewards students for the amount of materials they have collected.

If kids collect enough points, they can earn a \$5 gift card at a local store. Smaller prizes include stickers, whistles, necklaces, playground balls, and notebooks. Some students buy notebooks or pens, and give them to their teachers. als when each classroom receives its equipment, because of the increased awareness. The whole program has even become an unofficial pilot project. Delegations from other Livermore

tions from other Livermore schools have visited Smith, and incorporated some aspects of it into their own recycling efforts, said Packard.



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the kids created. We all win when there is less trash going into our landfills."

The Mylar Sewing Class students also made pencil holders that were donated to Sleep Train's Foster Children Program. Store leaders from three area Sleep Train

Pleasanton Police Conducted Decoy Operation

Officers from the Pleasanton Police Department, in cooperation with the Alameda County Public Health Department, conducted a decoy operation targeting the sales of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age. The operation took place June 7.

The City of Pleasanton currently has 44 establishments selling tobacco products. The underage decoys were accompanied by plain clothes officers during each site visit. During the operation, 39 locations were visited; five were not open for business. Thirty-eight businesses complied with the law and refused to sell cigarettes to the underage decoys. The 76 gas station, located at 4191 First Street, sold a tobacco product to a decoy. The clerk responsible was cited.

Those selling cigarettes to minors are subject to either a misdemeanor criminal action or a civil action. Fines for a first offense begin at \$200.00. While visiting each establishment officers inspected the premises to ensure they were in compliance with mandatory posting of signs regarding the prohibition of tobacco sales to persons under 18 years of age. Officers also checked each business to make sure they had a valid Tobacco Retail License.

In order to ensure ongoing compliance with the law, the Pleasanton Police Department will conduct similar operations in the near future. stores were on hand to accept the gifts.

'When children are removed from their families and put into foster programs, they often have to leave behind their belongings. They don't always have what they need to start school off right," said Paul Gonzales, Emeryville's Sleep Train store leader. "These donations are extra special because they are handmade pencil and school supply pouches. Michell students actually spent their time and energy making these for children in need. That means a lot."

The Mylar leashes and pencil cases were donated during a school assembly on June 5th. Mylar is the brand name for a type of stretched polyester film often used to make Capri Sun pouches, potato chip bags and helium balloons.

A grant from the Altamont Education Foundation allowed Michell's enrichment program coordinator Natalie Avery to purchase six sewing machines and supplies. "The students had the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers come to their school earlier this year, so they loved the idea of helping animals," said Avery. "They also remembered Sleep Train radio commercials about helping foster care kids. Every pencil pouch is signed on the inside by these students."

Michell's enrichment program is an after-school, one hour per week opportunity for students to learn or improve skills. The classes, open to all kindergarten through 6th grade students, include art, choir, gardening, hip hop and break dancing, cartooning, Lego engineering and multiple sports. Each class is made up of eight to ten participants who are asked to contribute a \$5 to \$10 fee. Some scholarships are available.

"Jillian has taken part in several of the enrichment programs during her four years at Joe Michell," said Mike Ring of his third grade daughter. "Natalie Avery does an outstanding job of creating new and exciting programs that benefit our students."

While the students enjoyed reusing the Mylar pouches to make colorful items, Avery hopes the students take away greater knowledge about the importance of reusing and reducing. "Use reusable drink containers rather than these little silver ones that *never* decompose," she said. "Reuse items instead of sending them to the landfill, and reduce personal waste."

Janelle Ford, who works with the all-volunteer Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, said, "I love that the kids found something



they were good at - sewing and recycling - and wanted to use those skills to make unique pencil bags and dog leashes."

Aguirre noted that they will be selling the donated items at upcoming fundraising events. Their 16th annual Pooch Parade will

be held in downtown Pleasanton on August 7th. "We'll use the monies to help offset the cost of raising a guide dog puppy including food, grooming supplies, harnesses and training."

Added Ring, "I was glad to see Jillian learn a new skill

and create something useful from seemingly useless juice pouches. She felt a sense of pride in which she and the other students were able to accomplish something that will benefit members of our community, including the four-legged ones."





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EDITORIAL

Car Sharing

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton continues to add innovative ideas to help commuters. Plans are moving ahead to provide employees and residents of the Hacienda Business Park with the opportunity to use electric vehicles.

The idea is to make it easier for people to take public transit to work by providing cars that can be rented for a few hours to go out to lunch or attend a meeting.

Programs already implemented by the park include a free commuter shuttle, carpool and vanpool coordination, development of on-site amenities to assist in the promotion of transportation alternatives and various information campaigns.

The new partnership involves City CarShare, Toyota and Hacienda Business Park. A fleet of 15 electric vehicles will be available for rental on an hourly basis.

City CarShare and Hacienda like the program because it encourages more people to get out of their cars, leading to a cleaner environment. The program will also benefit everyone by taking cars off the road, reducing traffic congestion.

Once in operation, we hope people will take advantage of the program. If the cars are booked frequently, more can be added.

Hacienda is to be commended. We hope other cities and businesses follow its lead.

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the Bay Area Air Quality District's finding that housing should not be built near freeways had been resolved.

City engineer Cheri Sheets responded that the a lawsuit has put the district's policy on hold. In the meantime, with the reduction in emissions in new cars and growing use of electric vehicles, it is believed that air quality will be less of an issue in the future.

Members of the public who spoke did not like any aspect of the planning, referring to it as social engineering, loss of local control, with proposed densities leading to more crime, more pollution and more traffic. They suggested that the free market and local control should determine the future of the city.

Bob Baltzer, chair of Friends of Livermore, pointed out that one of the issues is that people who live elsewhere travel to jobs in Livermore, while Livermore residents work at jobs in other locales. A jobs match is what is needed. I-GATE and the open campus go a long way toward achieving a closer match. That fact is city's quality of life. Voters completely overlooked by have endorsed that view.

Plan Bay Area.

Baltzer added that Livermore achieved its quality of life by preserving open space, revitalizing its downtown and retaining its small town flavor. He suggested that the letter opposing the plan be stronger in pointing out issues that relate to Livermore.

In commenting about the plan, Councilmember Stewart Gary stated, "I don't know whether to laugh or cry. This plan does not pass first contact review. It is good that we had the conversation, because it clarifies our values. It is premature to say we will rubber stamp it. We will never give up the right to approve what is good for our community.'

He continued that future decisions may include whether people prefer low density over BART. "That's Livermore's decision to make. I am not on board with playing with Livermore's general plan provisions."

Marchand pointed out that if BART were not extended to Livermore, the general plan calls for 10,000 fewer people. He noted that open space is part of the

Pleasanton Eliminates Senior Class Rankings

In a move to ease stress on students, the Pleasanton school board voted to eliminate class rankings for seniors.

The board at its meeting June 4 also heard a presentation about a solution that has been implemented to reduce student stress -- Peer Advocates, a group of Foothill HIgh school students who help other students with their problems.

Class rank is seen as a major factor in the competitive stress on students, reported Kevin Johnson, senior director of pupil services.

The stress issue came to light three years ago after several students in the district committed suicide. Community forums were held, including one organized by Mary Hayashi, who at the time represented Pleasanton in the State Assembly. She created bills in the Legislature that identified signs of depression and how to deal with it.

The district's dropping of class ranking drew support from various groups contacted by the district in connection with the district's strategic plan.

Those groups who were surveyed said it is important to focus on other things, such as extracurricular activities and personal essays that some students write as part of the college admission process. The idea is to focus on the whole child, not just academics, explained Johnson.

Ranking is considered unfair even to the A student. It's possible to earn a 4.0 GPA, but still be ranked 61st in a class.

Some colleges are still looking for ranking, but have relaxed the requirement to the point of learning only whether a student was in the top 10 percent or perhaps 20 percent of the class, not the exact spot in a top to bottom ranking.

STUDENTS HELP THEIR PEERSPeer Advocates was formed three years ago. Past practices of supporting students only through counselors were found not to be enough in working with students who were "socially and emotionally broken," said Beth

Christensen, who started the project.

The students had to become involved themselves. Peer Advocates was the method selected. Christensen looked at program models in San Francisco

and Fremont where students were trained to work with others. They provide the counseling and education in the classrooms.

One member of Peer Advocates joined the group because he was a recipient of the group's services. He had sought help after he started sinking into depression, and using drugs. After he was caught with

drugs, he asked himself, "Where will I go?" The answer was Peer Advocates. "I was super-shy. Now I give presentations to health classes," he said.

CSR WILL BE PART OF DISCUSSION

On another item, parents again asked the board to consider installing class size reduction (CSR) in second grade next year. The board already authorized smaller

class sizes for the first grade for next year.

Although all board trustees like CSR, they again said it's the tough financial situation that prevents them from implementing it at other grade levels. Despite more money from the Legislature in the coming school year, the district is still recovering from funding cutbacks over the past six years.

Trustees said they will talk about CSR at their June 18 meeting, but only as part of the whole budget picture. With the state budget uncertain until at least June 15, as a practical matter, the district can't do anything to implement CSR right now, said the board.

Emmeline Chen gave the board an updated report on pledges from parents and community members who would donate to pay for CSR. She said the total is now \$42,000 for secondgrade CSR, \$7000 for kindergarten, and \$5000 for third grade. Districtwide, it costs about \$325,000 to implement CSR for one grade level, going from the current 30 students in a class to 25 students.

Gov. Jerry Brown has said that he will ask the Legislature for money for districts to fund CSR from kindergarten to third grade, but that would not begin until the 2014-15 school year. Board members want to wait and see how much of that promise will materialize, and where it is in relation to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that Brown has said school districts will be using in the coming year and beyond.

Group Files Freedom of Information Act Lawsuit

Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment) has filed a Federal lawsuit in United States District Court for the Northern District of California against the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) and its National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) charging numerous failures to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which requires federal agencies to respond to public requests for information within 20 days.

According to the complaint filed last Friday in US District Court, Tri-Valley CAREs alleges five separate instances in which the DOE and NNSA failed to provide responsive, unclassified documents regarding

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enthusiastic about the many projects, including widening of Dougherty Road from Sierra Lane north to the San Ramon city line, improvements at Fallon and Emerald Glen parks, and the refurbishing of the public safety building. "It's the most ambitious collection of projects I've seen in my time on the

city council," said Mayor

Vice Mayor Don Biddle pointed out that the city is free of bond debt. The only obligation that the city faces is paying off the up-front costs for the solar installations on city facilities. The solar project will pay for itself in energy savings, and is worth the cost, said Biddle.

No one spoke at the public hearing on the budget. Councilmembers were sup-

operations at the agencies' Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) as required by law. The information that is the subject of the litigation is overdue by time periods between one and two years.

"The DOE and NNSA are egregiously out of compliance with the law," noted Tri-Valley CAREs' Staff Attorney, Scott Yundt. 'This frustrates the public's basic right to know. As a 'watchdog' organization, Tri-Valley CAREs relies on open government laws like the FOIA to do its work and inform the community. In some cases, important opportunities for public input have elapsed and projects have gone forward while the group's information requests went unanswered.'

The group's lawsuit asks the judge to issue a court order appointing a Special Counsel to investigate the pattern of abuse wherein DOE and NNSA failed to comply with the law. The Special Counsel would then determine whether disciplinary action is warranted and against whom. "A positive ruling could set a precedent with national implications," said Yundt.

Tri-Valley CAREs brought similar FOIA litigation to compel the release of documents under the Freedom of Information act in 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008, and 2010. "We should not have to file lawsuits in order to obtain public information," said Yundt.

portive of the new budget. Kevin Hart recalled that when he came to the council, the first budget that he faced included cuts. "This year it doesn't. This budget continues to move us out of the deep cuts from past years,' said Hart.

Councilmember Abe Gupta said, "We are not relying on money that might come in the future. It's a balanced approach.'

Tim Sbranti. MAILBOX

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Bay Area Plan Discussion Set for June 14

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) received hundreds of comments from cities, counties, other government agencies, members of the public and stakeholder groups during the third round of public engagement for Plan Bay Area. All written correspondence, transcripts from the public hearings, a summary of a recent telephone poll and an online comment forum are now available.

The public comment period for both the Draft Plan and the DEIR ended on May 16. Agency staff have been reviewing comments from public hearings that were held on the Draft Plan in all nine Bay Area counties, as well as correspondence in response to the documents. Comments also are being reviewed from three public hearings on the DEIR.

On June 14, staff will present key messages heard and seek direction on revising the Plan in response to public comments. This meeting will be audiocast live and an audio file will be available after the meeting.

The meeting begins at 9:30 AM in the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

Prior to the meeting, MTC and ABAG released the results of a survey regarding Plan Bay Area.

percent of those responding felt that a regional plan is very important; only 3 percent said it was not important at all.

They were asked what should be the funding priorities of the plan. Most important was extending commuter rail lines such as BART and Caltrain throughout the Bay Area, with 53 percent believing it to be the highest priority. Forty six percent favored maintaining highways and local roads; 37 percent would like to see more frequent public transit service.

One question dealt with development. Respondents rated questions 1 to 5. When it came to building more housing near public transit, 31 percent rated it as a 5 and 43 percent as a 4. Limiting urban sprawl by requiring additional housing and commercial buildings within current city or town limits received 19 percent support for 5; 23 percent for 4; and 32 percent ranked it as a 3.

Asked whether control should be local or regional, 53 percent chose local and 44 percent regional.

There were potential trade-offs addressed in questions, such as the willingness to live in a smaller house to be closer to work, shopping and restaurants. Twentyeight percent gave the idea a 5; 31 percent a 4; 20 percent ranked it as a 1. Twenty-five percent said they would live The survey found that 63 in a more densely populated

area if there were better neighborhood amenities; 58 percent would take public transit more often if it took less time than driving.

Transportation was the topic of several other questions with 46 percent favoring high speed rail; 49 percent believe that climate change studies are valid and 42 percent said that changes needed to be made to maintain the quality of life for future residents. Fifteen percent agreed with the statement high density near public transit could destroy the character of a community, 22 percent strongly disagreed with it.

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number of unknowns about how the budget request for FY14 would flow down to our Laboratory, it is clear the budget proposal will face an uphill battle in Congress this summer, with continuing debates about reducing federal spending, a possible FY14 sequester and the debt ceiling."

Following completion of the voluntary reduction process, the Lab will examine the skills of its remaining workforce and balance that against funding for 2014.

The Lab is still faced with challenges with regard to the 2013 budget. Funding was reduced 10 percent by sequestration.

Seaver said that the payroll could be reduced by 10 percent by giving employees every other Friday off. The every-other-Friday furlough days are paid like holidays, at the reduced rate.

Sequestration is the name given to the program of automatic federal budget cuts that emerged from the debt ceiling standoff of 2011.

Best for the Land **David Furst** Livermore

to Jeff Garberson's lead article on the development of the Alameda-Tesla site in eastern Alameda County for off-road use and to the heated response by Jeff Bell.

off-highway enthusiasts and those who want to preserve the site is not who is right but rather what the best use of the land is. The Alameda-Tesla site which was purchased with the aim of expanding Carnegie Park contains many endangered species of plants and animals along with historic coal mining and Native American sites.

cies be preserved if the site is opened to the many users and a multitudre of trails crated to provide their recreation? Will there be a way to ensure the riders stay on the trails or will they go off trail? Can the Native American sites be preserved if they are unfenced, and will fencing call undue attention to the sites? Is the topography of Tesla similar enough to Carnegie Park or are some of the hills too steep to be opened to off-road riding, and if ridden on, what long term damage will result?

the questions needing to be

to Ohio State University for basketball. I accompanied Dad to his 50th Law School Reunion at Ohio State University. His friends shared that during law school, Dad worked two jobs and sent money home to help his parents.

When I was three, he took me into church basements in the African-American/ Black communities to meet with leaders who were unable to get bank loans. My dad approached his friend, Franz Huntington, whose family owned the Huntington Bank, while Franz was working at the bank. Dad proposed that Huntington give business loans to African-Americans. The first few were to a dear Black man named Carl Brown, who with his new loan opened the Carl Brown IGA Grocery Store. Another loan was to Sherman R. Smoot, Smoot Construction, which is huge now. My father was John Kennedy's campaign manager in Ohio. Dad took me to the White House and President Kennedy said, "Come in and see your house."

He took my brother Dan and me to temple every Saturday, and we'd get a dozen bagels on the way home. On Sundays, we would drive to his friends' homes, friends such as Katy and Wally Williams and son Todd, an Italian family. The wonderful smells of spaghetti sauce would permeate the house.

In January 2009 Dad joined Rotary in Livermore, CA. He described it as "a very friendly group that does superb community service locally and internationally. Dad's father was an enthusiastic Rotarian and always urged Dad to participate. In 2012, Dad visited his grandson Ben and his wife, Angela. Ben served 6 years in the US Navy where he received a medical discharge for injuries suffered while in service. Dad discovered on this trip that veterans are

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Proposed County Budget Closes \$80.2 Million Funding Gap

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi on Tuesday presented a Proposed Alameda County Budget for FY 201 3-14 that calls for eliminating 44.5 vacant funded positions and other reductions to close a funding gap of \$80.2 million.

The funding gap is only the second shortfall under \$100 million in five years. According to Muranishi, the Budget shortfall occurs at a time when slow economic growth, continued high demand for County safety net services and reduced funding from the State and federal governments suggest the financial challenges that have faced the County for the past several years are likely to continue.

For the first time in five years, the proposed budget includes cost-of-living adjustments (COLAS) for most employee labor organizations commensurate with each organization's respective labor agreement. In addition the proposed budget provides a COLA for many eligible community-based organizations (CBOs).

The proposed budget of \$2.68 billion supports a workforce of 9,161.91 fulltime positions.

Much of Alameda County's financial picture is clouded by uncertainties surrounding State and fed-eral funding, which together provide more than half of the funding. The recently approved caps on federal discretionary spending and CalWORKs, CalWORKs the sequestration of funding related child care and Cal-

will have a negative impact on federal revenues received by the County. An estimated \$7.1 million revenue loss is projected with implementation of these cuts.

As for State funding, the Governor's May Revision forecasts an improvement in near term revenues but suggests that because of unanticipated federal deficit reduction actions, increased Proposition 98 funding requirements for schools, and a worsening financial outlook, revenue growth in FY 2013-14 will be less than anticipated in the Governor's Budget submitted in January. The State Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) does not agree with the Governor's forecast and suggests that the revenue growth picture will be brighter although a good portion of the revenue will fund Proposition 98 requirements.

Many more questions surround the implementation of Health Care Reform and its impact on County finances. The Governor's May Budget Revision contains a major new realignment of health and public assistance programs in connection with implementing the federal Affordable Care Act. The Governor is planning a State administered Medi-Cal expansion program and plans to redirect projected savings from County Health Departments to fund public assistance programs including

Fresh, the former Food Stamps program. Statewide, an estimated \$300 million would be transferred from local health and prevention programs in FY 201 3- 14, \$900 million in FY 2014-1 5, and \$1.3 billion in FY 201 5- 16.

Alameda County leaders believe this proposed shifting of potential savings is premature, as the Affordable Care Act won't be implemented until January 2014 and the County will still be called on to provide services to the remaining uninsured. The County's Health Care Services Agency estimates that there will be about 100,000 people who will remain uninsured and require public health services.

'Many of our uninsured residents who rely on safetynet clinics for treatment will remain uninsured and will continue to need community care under Health Care Reform," said Supervisor Keith Carson, who chairs Alameda County's Budget Workgroup. "While we sup-port expanded insurance coverage under Obamacare, we are deeply concerned that the State is proposing to take away county funds that we have historically used to provide prevention services that keep people from needing services in the first place. This State take-away will have extreme dire impacts in our community.'

Adoption of a final Al-ameda County Budget for FY 2013-14 is scheduled for Friday, June 28.

Board OKs New Materials for Junction K-8

New instructional materials were approved by the Livermore School Board of Trustees to be utilized starting this fall to help Junction Avenue K-8 School bridge an identified achievement

gap. The school was designated for program improvement (PI) as defined by the California Department of Education.

In the fall of 2012. LVJUSD began working with Pivot Learning Partners as the District Assistance and Intervention Team provider to assist in determining and implementing actions to increase student achievement, close the achievement gap and implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Working with the District (DSLT), a team of Junction

fied needs, the district will provide new materials.

For the school's dual immersion program for students in grades K-6, the school board authorized the purchase of Treasures/ Tesoros to supplement instruction in the program. It includes culturally diverse, non-fiction selections, explicit academic vocabulary development, integrated grammar, and writing and spelling. The dual immersion program's goal is to maximize student learning in English and Spanish.

The district will also implement replacement curriculum for students two or more years below grade level in grades four through eight and provide intensive professional development for staff as well. Students School Leadership Team will be monitored to ensure they are receiving a rigorous K-8 teacher leaders, site and accelerated instructional program. Plans are to enhance professional development for middle and elementary teachers in the area of mathematics, with on-site coaching support, and strategic intervention for middle school students achieving below grade level. The schedule of classes will be realigned to provide comprehensive intervention opportunties. A Pivot coach will continue to work with the school's principal to problem-solve and provide support. The Alternative Governance Team (AGT), comprised of the principal, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services, Junction's Pivot coach, and Pivot Lead, Peggy Green, will conduct classroom observations at least four times per year and review data on a regular basis. The AGT will meet with the Junction Leadership Team to maintain two-way communication in order to build a strong school-wide program. The LVJUSD Board of

Education will receive regular updates on the progress of the action steps throughout the school year. The focus of the work, as stated by Peggy Green, "Is to ensure that the underserved populations of English Learners, Latino students, special education, and children who are socio-economically disadvantaged are being served with the best materials and best instructional practices.'

Board president Bill Dunlop commented, "It seems to be a very aggressive program with limited staff. Are volunteers needed?"

School principal Gregg Elliott, replied, "I will never say 'no' to qualified volunteers.



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and district administrators and Pivot consultants, the school staff identified steps to be taken during the 2013-2014 school year through an Academic Program Survey (APS). The APS outlines the necessary practices and components proven to have a positive impact on raising student achievement.

The survey identified a need to restructure class schedules to provide for instructional minutes for specific adademic subjects. In addition, the following needed to be provided: comprehensive help with listening, speaking, reading and writing, enhance the academic achievement of students in the dual immersion program, and provide for levels of intervention and support for students begining with high quality classroom instruction. There should be coordination of all site level support systems, including Title I, special education, after shcool programs and parents to help achieve instructional and achievement goals.

In response to the identi-

Help Sought in Helping **Homeless Beat the Heat**

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking help in assisting the homeless combat the heat this summer.

For those living on the street, it is hard to find a way to escape the exceedingly hot climate of the Tri-Valley Area. The increase in the temperature often leads to the death of many homeless individuals because they are unable to stay cool and hydrated.

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking donations of sunscreen, reusable water bottles, hats, cooling bandanas, umbrellas, and handheld fans and misters for men, women, and children to distribute to the homeless residing in the Tri-Valley Area. Please drop off your donation at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore by 5pm on Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

The Homeless Summer Outreach Event will take place from 1pm-4pm on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore.

Last vear, Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry served over 6,400 individuals, representing over 2,000 households throughout Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton.

For more information about the Haven please visit www. trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 449-5842.

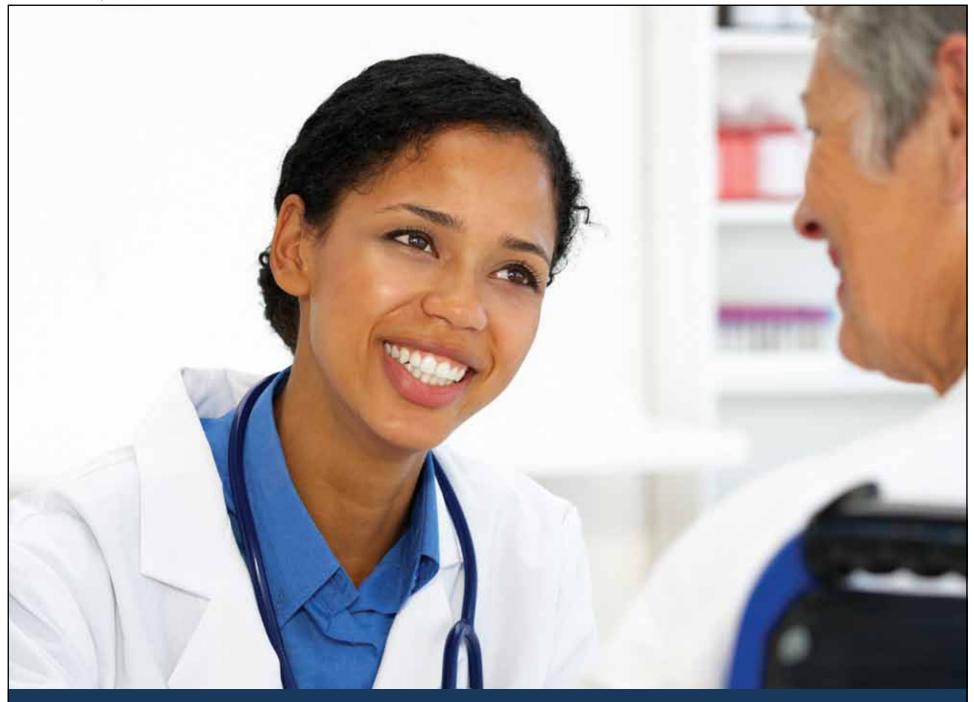
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SPORTS NOTES



Livermore's West Coast Fury U10 team photo includes Coach Ray Canevari, LeeAnn Alfonzo, and Dave Conklin; (top row) Laura Gonzalez, Trinity Sandridge, Kelena Brongiel, Kelsey Hoopes, Celina Garcia, Jennifer Barron, Isabella Romero; (bottom row) Jamie Conklin, Kourtney Kessler, Alyssa Garza, Gracie Alfonzo, Alina Garcia, and Katie Zeck. Not pictured Kassidy Brackett.



West Coast Wrath remained unbeaten in capturing the league title. The team that won the league included TylerRene Enderlein, Janessa Sanchez, Kaylie Lawsen, Kylie Karter, Leila Anzo, Steffanie Angelo, Kate Wallace, Lindsey Philips, Allyssa George, Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals, Brianne Radliff, Francesca Hyde and Aryanna Shakoor.



The West Coast Wildfire U13G captured first and second place at the Santa Cruz Pro-Am beach soccer tournament. The girls, split into two teams in two different brackets, went undefeated to eventually face each other in the championship match. Pictured are the Wildfire beach soccer champions (bottom row) Jennifer Gibson, Taylor Sullivan, Isbella Barbero, Kylie "Stix" Martinez, Mayzin Kung, Leila Anzo, Meghan Giamona, and Amanda Zeck; (top row) Paula Samaniego, Sierra Martin, Kaitlynn Funsch, Lauryn Souza, Mimi Freeman, Lynette Soto, Jaeda Collins, Abbey Hoobing, Kate Wallace, and Aryanna Shokoor. With Coaches Stuart Rafferty and Troy Dayak, and parent coaches Rick Samaniego and Frank Souza.





West Coast U13 Whiplash sent two teams to the Santa Cruz Pro-Am Sand Soccer Tournament, June 1-2, with one of the teams advancing to the Championship match. Both teams played well, with Whiplash "Splash" dominating on the beach, with 2 wins and a tie to advance to the final Championship game. Excellent goalie support by Destiny Sandridge and an amazing 13 goals scored Kira Karter were key factors for the team. The girls remained strong in an exciting final match, winning 3-1 against the Lions to bring home the Championship Trophy. Pictured are Rachel Foley, Ireland Johnson, Taylor Petersen, Destiny Sandridge, Kira Karter, Jenna Radwan, and Paige Sutter after their Championship win. Remaining Whiplash players include Tara Collier, Kierra Stanek, Madison Stewart, Devny Montesinos, Jenna Tidwell, Natalie Carey, Alize Perez, Maggie Sneed, Melinda Miller and Courtney Haubert.



Granada High School's Nick Silverthorn broke the National High School Record in the 100 Breaststroke at the North Coast Section (NCS) Championship meet. NCS was held in Concord on May 17-18. In one of the most exciting races in high school history, the top three finishers broke both the public and overall High School National Record. All swimmers went under the old record of 53.66, which was held by Olympian Brendan Hansen. Steven Stumph (Sr. Campolindo), swam 53.39, Charlie Wiser (Sr. Miramonte) was next in a 53.57, and Silverthorn (Jr.) finished in 53.61.



Livermore's West Coast SC Wolves, U11 boys sampled their three-peat medals at the Pro-Am Beach Soccer Tournament in Santa Cruz, June 1-2, 2013. This was the Wolves third consecutive Beach Soccer Championship and the first time they did not have to go to PKs in the championship match. This year the Wolves were split into two teams since everyone 15 member roster wanted to play. The Wolves 'Black played tough and came away with a loss, a big win, and a close 5-6 loss. The Wolves 'Green' beat the Beach Boys (Livermore Fusion SC) 6-1 in their first game on Saturday and beat the Hopyard Slammers (Dublin United) 15-2 in the second game. On Sunday, the Wolves Green beat the Marin Stompers 7-3, and moved onto the Championship match against the Stars (El Dorado Hills), beating them 5-2. Pictured are (back, left to right) Nate Miskella, Douglas Wynne, Eddie Topete, Zach Hollingshaus, Zachary Rittmann, James Renouf, Ricardino Alvarez; (front) Mateo Crevillo, Bradley Rittmann, Femi Bodun. Not pictured: Shelby Gutierrez, Jordan Moore, Ben Morrisroe, and Cesar Cardoza, Dylan Hill



John Madden's Ruby Hill Club Sport team won the 15th annual Madden-Mariucci Charity Bocce Tournament at Campo di Bocce in Livermore with a major comeback in the finals. Down 9-1 and later 11-6 to McCarthy Ranch, they came back one point at a time until scoring two points in the final frame for a 12-11 victory. In the photo John Madden makes a throw with the game at 11-9. It is the first time that John Madden's team has won the tournament.



Pictured are the 2013 Pleasanton Girls Softball League Phantom fastpitch Major Team champions: (back row, form left) Coach Marc Schweitzer, Annecy Rocca, Morgan Harris, Coach Steve Maher, Coach Dale Maher, Kamdyn Maher, Erin Chilicky, Kennedy Scoffield, Karlee Schweitzer, Rachel Yetso, Reya Paulos; (front row) Alyssa Crumrine, Gretchen Klees, Shauna McMeekin, and Tia DuPre.

battled the top U10 teams at the Norcal Premier Cross Regional Championships in Davis this past weekend. In 108 degree heat, the Fury shutout West Valley 1-0 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, the Fury easily put down Placer United with another 1-0 shutout. Moving on to the championship game, the girls faced the top ranked Milpitas MXG. The match was a battle of tough defenses. Scoring chances were kept to a minimum. Regular match play ended with neither team scoring. Finally, in the second golden goal period, West Coast Forward, Kelena Brongiel, executed a breakaway opportunity scoring the only goal of the game. The West Coast Fury clinched the 1-0 victory and the championship.

West Coast Wrath finished the spring soccer season strong with a true team performance against a strong Diablo team that could have also captured the league with a win. Diablo's goalie made several saves but eventually Wrath broke the deadlock with a well-taken goal from Savannah. While Diablo defended strongly, Savannah quickly added a second goal securing her position as lead scorer for Wrath for Spring league. Diablo continued to battle and press the Wrath defense, while Wrath continued to try and increase the lead. Finally Janessa shot to make the score 3-1. Brianne and the defenders became the stars of the game as Diablo pushed everyone forward. Diablo's pressure paid off when number 7 scored a second goal from a free kick just outside the box. Goal-keepers for the season were Brianne and Steffanie. Defenders were Kylie, Kaylie, Aryanna, Lindsey, Steffanie and Fran. Wingers Abby, Fran, Kylie and Allyssa provided width and support to the midfielders Tyler, Leila and Kate. Main forwards were Savannah, Lindsey and Janessa. **West Coast Fury** took the U-10

West Coast Fury took the U-10 premier championship of the 2013 Spring Cross Regional Playoffs Sunday in dramatic fashion scoring a "Golden Goal" in double overtime. The 1-0 championship victory over



The Livermore Aquacowboys competed at the Pleasanton Seahawks Long Course PC-C/B/A+ swim meet on June 8-9, 2013 at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton, CA. Representing LAC were Larissa Trump (14), Jacqueline Arnold (11); Megan Wilcox (13); Caroline Eckel (12); Tori Carroll (13); Chenoa Bodero (11); Collin Trump (12); Minhnha Kawamura (8); Annelyse Combitsis (9); and Paige DaCosta. Also competing for LAC but not pictured, Tabor DaCosta (10); Christopher Gonzales (11); Matthew Hayes (12); Franco Moufarrej (11); Sofia Moufarrej (13); Daiki Nishikawa (11); Katie Ottman (11); and Brandon Siu (13).

Family's Golf Tourney to Benefit Melanoma Research

The third annual Terry Patters Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 5 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course near Livermore.

The tournament is a fund-raising event for melanoma research. Terry Patters died in 2010 from basal cell melanoma, said her husband, Dave Patters of Livermore. The tournament is a way to help provide funds to find a cure, so that others won't have to suffer.

The Poppy Ridge location is also a tribute to Patters. She loved to play golf there.

Patters and other close friends and family work with the National Melanoma Foundation. Virtually all money collected is turned over to the foundation, said Patters. Over its first two years, the tournament has raised \$49,000.

In addition to golf, there will be a silent auction and a buffet dinner. People who do not play golf are encouraged to come for the dinner.

Registration is open now, and is scheduled to close on July 22. Patters has a web page that explains ticket prices and other details. It may be found at http://events.melanoma. org/terrypattersgolfin2013/.



Little League

Granada Little League action featured a showdown in the Minor AAA Division with the A's taking on the Livermore American Little League Rangers.

The A's came away with a 22 to 9 win. The Livermore American Rangers' top defensive player was Ryan RVB, who pitched two stellar innings. Their top players on offense were Kile Drobick, who hit a triple, and Neal Shaw, with a double. The Granada A's top defensive players were Ian Silveira, who struck out four on the mound; Cooper Meyer, who executed great tags at 2nd, 3rd, and home; and shortstop Ryan Juric, first baseman Jake Kilbane, and third baseman Hunter Houghton, who teamed up for an incredible double play. The Granada A's top players on offense were Ian Silveira, going 3 out of 5 at the plate, Max Silveira, 4 out of 5, and Jake Kilbane, with a triple and 2 RBIs.

West Coast Soccer

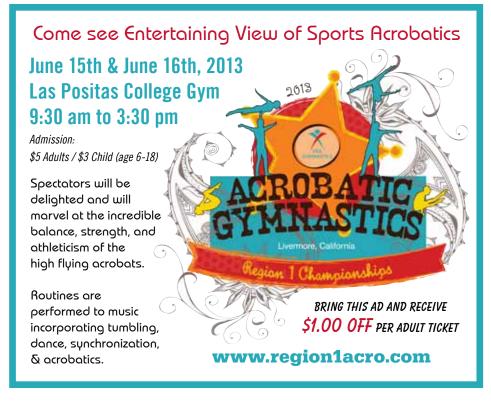
West Coast Soccer club kicked off the summer tournament season with sun, fun, sand, and a lot of soccer at the 2013 Santa Cruz Pro-Am. The club dominated this year's event, fielding 24 boys and girls teams. Several West Coast teams brought home both first



had a good shot saved and Allyssa pounced on the rebound for a 3-0 lead at half-time.

In the second half, Diablo came out fighting. Wrath had to defend well. Diablo started its comeback and their number 7 scoring on an unstoppable (925) 371-5671 davidreed@dareedplumbing.com LIC #601931





SPORTS NOTES



Vida Blue (second from right0, the Hall of Fame Cy Young award and World Series winning pitcher for the Oakland A's and for the SF Giants was on hand to inspire the awardees and to personally give each award to our students. Willie Harper, a Super Bowl champion member of the first Forty Niners team to win a Super Bowl assisted Mr Blue. 225 people attended to watch the winning plays on a 20 foot giant screen at RLCC. Elected officials in the photo are (starting second from left) Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

Community TV Recognizes Local Outstanding Athletes

Tri-Valley Community Television, known as TV30, held its Third Annual Tri-Valley Outstanding Athlete Awards event at Robert Livermore Community Center. Forty-six high school students from Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore received crystal engraved trophies for their consensus outstanding athleticism. The actual video of each of the plays meriting the students' awards was shown on the main stage's 20-foot screen for the entire audience who watched intently then cheered for each player.

The keynote speaker, Hall of Fame Member and Cy Young Recipient Vida Blue, presented each award after delivering an inspirational message to the young men and women for which he received a standing ovation from the packed room. Blue was a stand-out pitcher both for the Oakland A's when they won Major League Baseball's World Series and for the San Francisco Giants as well. He was assisted by Willie Harper, an outstanding line-backer and member of the first San Francisco Forty Niners team to win the National Football League's Super Bowl.

The winners received an engraved crystal trophy from Community Television TV30, a certificate from Supervisor Scott Haggerty and one from Senator Mark DeSaulnier. As each of the recipients passed across the stage they received a handshake from Ian Bartholomew, Dr. B, Vida Blue, Willie Harper, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Mayor Jerry Thorne, Mayor Tim Sbranti and Mayor John Marchand.

The following are the individual award winners: Yura Ahn - golf, Granada High; Jamir Andrews - basketball, Dublin High; Izzy Ayad - basketball, Valley Christian High; Nina Bessolo - basketball, Valley Christian High; Iris Brand - swimming, Amador Valley High; Kyle Campiotti - football, Granada High; Jojuan Carrington - basketball, Dublin High; Kristina Dunworth - volleyball, Amador Valley High; Griffith Gates - football, Foothill High; Ryan Genn - volleyball, Amador Valley High; Johanna Grauer - softball, Amador Valley High;

Tiffany Harris - volleyball, Dublin High; Louis Hernandez - football, Livermore High; Jamirr Holland - football, Foothill High; Ray Hudson - football, Foothill High; Kameron Johnson - basketball, Granada High; Alysse Ketner - basketball, Amador Valley High; Ryan Kirby - baseball, Granada High; Greta Kohlmoos - water polo, Granada High; Nicolas Lang - wrestling, Livermore High; Alyssa Lanza - softball, Livermore High; Celina Li - swimming, Foothill High; Kimberly Liu - golf, Amador Valley High. JoJo McGlaston - basketball, Dublin High; Zach McPherson - football, Livermore High; Grant Miller football, Amador Valley High; Jason Moran - basketball, Livermore High; Kyle Moreno - football, Amador Valley High; Milan Moses - basketball, Dublin High; Cameron Moses - basketball, Dublin High; Vi Nguyen - tennis, Dublin High; Josh Nobida - football, Dublin High; Steven Patrick - basketball, Foothill High; Jacob Payne - baseball, Granada High; Jena Pianin - cross country, Amador Valley High; Tyler Rardon - wrestling, Livermore High; Ondre Rudolph - football, Dublin High; Alex Sborov - golf, Foothill High; Katie Sborov - golf, Foothill High; Nick Silverthorn - swimming, Granada High; Myiesha Simmons - tennis, Dublin High; Collin Sommerhauser - basketball, Granada High; Marisol Tracy - volleyball, Amador Valley High; Amanda Tuazon - volleyball, Foothill High; Dylan Tupper - basketball, Granada High; Howard Wikle - football, Valley Christian The schools and their athletic departments also received trophies in several categories. The Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, and the Athletic Director stepped forward to be honored on behalf of their outstanding high schools. The trophy's will "live" at each of the respective winning schools. Dublin High won for 8 Games of the Week including 3 football games, 1 girls' soccer game and 4 boys' basketball games. Valley Christian won the North Coast Section Championship with their powerhouse girl's basketball team defeating International High 51-40. Granada High won by being victorious in 4 Game of the Week awards. Two were for baseball and two for boy's basketball. Livermore High's award came from receiving 7 Game of the Week awards this year. One was for football, 2 for girls water polo, 2 for boys basketball, 1 for softball and 1 for baseball. The Falcons of Foothill High won 5 Game of the Week awards this year. Three were for football, 1 time for girls soccer and once for boys basketball. The Amador High Dons were honored this year for being chose for 10 Games of the Week. Four wins for football, 2 for boys' soccer, 1 for boys' basketball, 2 for softball and 1 for boys' volleyball. More than 225 people attended the event, which was held in the Casa Blanca room. The entire affair will be shown on TV28 and TV30 starting in mid-June. For a schedule or to buy a DVD of the event, go to www.trivalleytv.org. Parents and friends may copy their students' award acceptance photo, which will be posted on TV30's site soon.



The Livermore Fusion U12 Girls brought home two Championship Trophies from Santa Cruz Beach Soccer last weekend. The team split forces into two squads, both going 4-0 over the weekend. Team Tsunami rode a white hot offense scoring 32 goals while allowing 13. Team Rip Curl scored 24 goals while their shut-down team defense conceded only 9 goals over 4 games. The girls saved their best work for the beach/boardwalk, as before, between and after the games was non-stop frenetic activity. Pictured are (left to right - Tsumani [T], Rip Curl [RC] - top row) Lexi Borgna (RC), Kayla Lewis (RC), Gracie Dupuis (RC), Kayla Remund (RC), Makenna Diaz (T), Isabella LaRosa(T), Taylynn Low (T), Danielle Groth (T); (bottom row) Mia Mendoza (RC), Claire March (RC), Drew Pagtakhan (RC), Sydney Keshmiry (T), Justynne Thomas (T), Sierra Street (T) (not available and missed – Super Goalie Lilly Ackerman)

FC Milpitas (currently #4 in the State Cup seedlings) capped a remarkable weekend that saw Fury beat the playoff 3-2 and 1 seeds respectively to claim the crown. Fury opened the weekend with a 2-1 win over West Valley Magic (currently #1 in the State Cup seedlings). Goals went to Laura Gonzales and Kelena Brongiel. Fury followed that with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Placer United in the semifinals (currently #6 in the State cup seedlings) as Alyssa Garza netted the game winner with less than 10 minutes remaining. In the final, Kelena Brongiel scored the Golden Goal" game winner a minuteand-a-half into double overtime as the sideline exploded with excitement. Every member of the Fury team played a major role over the weekend, but special recognition should be given to Gracie Alfonzo who was a rock in the Fury defense.

Triathlon Series On Saturday, June 15, a field of close to 800 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick off On Your Mark Events' 26th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton, Calif.

Utilizing the lake and rolling hills of Shadow Cliff Park and the flat paved roads running through Pleasanton and Livermore, the Tri For Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail). The course is perfect for the newcomer as well as the seasoned triathlete. Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and non-competitive atmosphere, the Tri For Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes. It's not unusual to see a 9-year old running along side with a 78-year old.

After the novice athletes master the first three Tri For Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event – the Tri For Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location. but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 20-mile bike, and 4-mile run. The Tri For Real is also professionally timed, giving our of-ficial results. The 2013 On Your Mark Tri For Fun Series dates are June 15, July 20, and August 17. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 15, All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. There is a 1,000-participant maximum for each triathlon. The triathlons do sell out. For the past 25 years, the Tri For Fun triathlons have been non-timed and non-competitive. A clock was provided at finish line for participants to view their personal time. Triathletes can still choose to participate that way, but now they have a choice to be

officially timed or not timed. Should participants choose to be timed, their results will be recorded and posted on the On Your Mark Events' website's results page.

Entry fee for the three Tri For Funs is \$65 (non-timed) and \$73 (chip timed) in advance, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$180 (non-timed) and \$188 (chip timed), \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, and entry into the always-exciting raffle (must be present to win). For September's Tri For Real, all participants are chip timed (\$75.00 advance, and \$85.00 day-of). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. The Tri For Real includes the same goodies as the Tri For Funs, with addition of trophies and medals. Multiple-triathlon discounts are available.

Check-in and registration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about the Tri For Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit their website. Online registration is also available on Active.com.

Father's Day Run The Rotary Club of Pleasanton's Father's Day 5K/10K Run will be held on Sunday, June 16. It starts and finishes under Pleasanton's Main Streat orge Attention the support of the starts of the st Street arch. Attracting thousands of Bay Area runners and walkers each year, the 10K run begins at 8 am, the 5K run and walk begins at 8:20 am and a Kids' Challenge starts at 9:30 am. Participants may register in advance at www.spiritrun.com. The race title sponsor is the accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo. Over \$300,000 in educational

scholarships have been awarded over the years. The funds raised during the 20th Annual event support not only college scholarships for local students, but also other worthwhile community organizations, including Hope Hospice, Rotaplast, The Tri-Valley YMCA, The Valley Humane Society and Victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy.



Livermore National Little League AAA Championship featured a game between the A's and the Rangers. A's took 1st place in game 3 in extra innings. Rangers took 2nd place after a very successful season. Both teams played championship baseball down to the last out. After the game, the players congratulated each other and displayed their trophies. A's players are Matthew Hartford, Jackson Nystrom, Jay Hawkins, Patrick Curulla, John Stangl, Jason Sanders, Evan Nystrom, Brandon Mikulic, Seth Fickes, Randy Rego, Timothy Studebaker and Jay Rodriguez. Rangers' players are Gavin Powers, Jacob Hutchinson, Caelob Stimpson, Brayden Nunes, Joe Mifsud, Anthony Molleson, Julian Quigley, Justin Pestana, Sebastian Krinard, Thomas McKnight, Jack McDowell and Collin McDowell.



The Livermore Mavericks Fastpitch U12 team picked up a second place finish at the June 2/3 Hayward Bay Area Summer Classic tournament. Saturday's three wins and their semi-final victory were decided by teamwork in the field and timely hitting. Addington accounted for three stand up doubles in one game alone. Then Andrassy and Hayes, who combined for 10 hits in three games, stole the show with 8 stolen bases between the duo. In the championship game on Sunday, the Mavericks were down 11-3 going into their final at-bats. A massive six run rally brought the final score to 11-9. Pictured are (from back left) Brian Kohndrow, Eric Scher, John Sprugasci, Steve Pepperdine, Doug Roberts, and Dan Woolley (center from left) Rachel Gomez, Allison Scher, Emily Andrassy, Kylie Roberts, Liv Konhndrow, and Maddie Addington (bottom from left) Ally Sprugasci, Brianna Wheelock, Jordan Beakey, Melanie Laronde, Tatum Hayes, and Katlyn Woolley. Not pictured Tori Trautwein.

and the exciting world of multisport. This will be a non-competitive event, and no times will be taken. Every par ticipant will receive a USAT Splash and Dash medal, t-shirt and goodies from our sponsors. More information on the event website, http://trivalleytriclub. com/youth/splash

Participants must be able to swim at least 25 yards independently without stopping. Fee is \$30 per child through June 15. Price goes up to \$35 June 16. Includes one day USAT license. Register online or find more information on the event website http://trivalleytriclub.com/youth/splash



Splash and Dash

The Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will host the Second Annual Tri-Valley Kids Splash & Dash for ages 7-15 on Sunday, July 21 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton.

A series is planned with events on July 15, August 18, and September 8. The goal is promote the love of sport and movement to children of the Tri-Valley community. Each Splash & Dash is a swim/ run event for ages 7-15 that introduces

youth participants to USA Triathlon

BUENAS VIDAS

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eventually will hold a grand opening dedication, but will remain open through the intervening period, said Haven executive director Ann King.

The Haven will continue the same store hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. The Haven's name will be put on signs to reflect the change.

Buenas Vidas also founded the Bingo Ranch in Livermore to raise funds. Other nonprofits were booked into the facility for their own fund-raising. The Bingo Ranch operation was turned over earlier this year to the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which operates an elementary and a secondary school in Livermore.

TVLC continues the policy of booking other non-profits into the facility. TVLC leases the building. The lease expires at the end of the year. TVLC intends to renew it, said CEO Bill Batchelor.

Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch was founded by Ruth and Butch Shattuck and Bystroff. The ranch's first

location was south of the Livermore VA Hospital, in a refurbished former tuberculosis sanitarium. It later moved to a site east of Livermore.

Changes in state policy concerning funding for programs for at-risk boys ended Buenas Vidas programs. An attempt to use the ranch as a good environment for sexually exploited girls failed to raise enough grant money to implement it.

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Senior Center Closed for Maintenance

Center will close for two Other drop-in classes and weeks for routine maintenance from Monday, June 24 through Sunday, July 7, 2013. It will re-open on Monday, July 8, 2013 for rescheduled, or suspended. regularly scheduled programs.

In addition, the main hall of the Pleasanton Senior Center is closed for day use from Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 21 during minor construction. During this period, the Spectrum-sponsored SNAPPY café lunch program will be relocated to the lobby area of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, which is also on the premises of the Pleasanton Senior Center.

From June 10 through June 21, 2013, all daytime mons is located at 5200 Case exercise classes will be relocated to the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main Street at the same times that

The Pleasanton Senior they are regularly scheduled. meetings that are typically scheduled in the main hall of the Pleasanton Senior Center will be relocated, All other center programming will remain unaffected and evening exercise classes will continue as scheduled.

During the center closure period of June 24 through July 7, the SNAPPY Café will continue to host lunch in the lobby area of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. For other meal options, Open Heart Kitchen offers a dinner program at Ridgeview Commons (the Ridgeview Café) Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a suggested \$3 donation. Ridgeview Com-Avenue in Pleasanton. For dinner reservations, please call (925) 484-5131.

Over the course of the

two-week closure period, the main hall floor of the senior center will be resurfaced, and other cleaning and maintenance projects will be conducted. Because the center also functions as a busy community center on weekends, such maintenance is regularly scheduled to keep it in good condition for all public use.

The Pleasanton Senior Center offers more than 25 classes each week, as well as the administration of the popular Pleasanton Paratransit Program, which provides door-to-door shared ride services for eligible Pleasanton and Sunol residents (70 years of age and older and those who are ADA certified). On a monthly basis the Center also offers free movies, a lecture series, an inter-generational reading program, a computer users group, a Day Trippers program, a Newcomers Wel-

come, weekly walking and bicycling groups, knitting, and other activities.

The Pleasanton Senior Center also partners with agencies and businesses to provide services that include a weekday lunch program and Meals on Wheels (Spectrum Community Services), health screening and foot care (Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley), a Caregivers Support Group (Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley), free notary assistance (Lynne Stein Legal Documents), legal assistance for seniors, tax assistance (through AARP during tax season), AARP Mature Drive classes (offered quarterly), diabetes education (through Alameda County Health Department), a Parkinson's support group, Travel Ambassador Transit Training, and one-on-one computer training.

Changes in Wheels Bus Schedule Announced

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, will implement minor changes and service adjustments on select Wheels bus routes effective Saturday, June 15, 2013.

The following service changes are not part of the recently announced August service change proposals:

Route 8B - Weekdays: Currently, every trip of the 8B leaves the East Dublin / Pleasanton BART station 29 minutes past the hour. All trips will now leave 10 minutes later, or 39 minutes past the hour.

Route 12 - Sunday: On Sundays, the last eastbound trip of the day will end at the Paragon Outlets in Livermore, arriving at approximately 3:14 p.m. Route 15B - Weekdays: Currently, there are two short trips of the route 15B that end in the Springtown area. These trips will be extended to operate the full route, serving all stops enroute to the Downtown Transit Center. The two trips depart the Transit Center at 8:42 a.m. and 7:42 p.m. and are scheduled to arrive back at the Transit Center at 9:31 a.m. and

8:31 p.m., respectively. Route 18A – Tuesday and Thursday: The addition of these trips are a temporary service change, adopted by the Wheels Board of Directors in Spring of 2013, and will be operated only through Thursday, August 29, 2013. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, four extra trips will be added to the 18A morning schedule as follows: depart transit center 9:27 a.m., 10:12 a.m., 10:42 a.m. and 11:12 a.m.; arrives transit center 9:54 a.m., 10:39 a.m., 11:09 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Route 20X: Currently, the last two morning trips of the Route 20x are

short trips and end at East Avenue/Vasco Road. These trips will be extended to operate the full route, serving all stops on route to the Livermore Transit Center. The two trips depart the East Dublin / Pleasanton BART station at 8:28 a.m. and 9:13 a.m. and are scheduled to arrive at the Transit Center at 9:09 a.m. and 9:54 a.m., respectively. Route 54: This service change was adopted by the Wheels Board of

Directors in Spring of 2013. The last morning trip, currently departing the Pleasanton ACE / Alameda County Fairgrounds bus stop at 8:52 a.m., will be discontinued.

Passengers are encouraged to visit the Wheels webpage at www.wheelsbus.com for route schedules and maps. For additional information or assistance with trip planning, call Wheels Customer Service at 925-455-7500.

OBITUARIES

Laura Freitas née Lopes

March 1, 1924 - June 3, 2013 Resident of Livermore, CA

Laura was born in Tulare, California on March 1, 1924, the youngest of 12 siblings. When it came to living, she was tireless. A true renaissance woman, Laura will be remembered fondly for her many wonderful attributes - from impeccable homemaker, gourmet chef and fashion maven to successful entrepreneur and loving matriarch. And, boy could she dance!

Laura passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore, California on June 3, 2013, with her two daughters, Janice Marino and Judi Irwin, at her side. She was 89 years old. Her husband, Alfred"Fritz"Freitas, predeceased her in 1974.

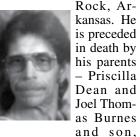
A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Laura is survived by her daughters: Janice Marino and Judi Irwin, along with her sons-in-law: Frank "Ky" Marino and LeRoy Irwin; grandchildren: Audrey Irwin, Elizabeth Irwin, Matthew Irwin, Marianna Thomas, Andrea Marino Bodin, Susan Marino Reed and Stephen Marino, along with their respecIrene Cruey of Union City; David Cruey of Melbourne, Florida; and Scott and Shirley Bennett of San Ramon. His cousins Kaitlin, Connor and Sarah Cruey.

In lieu of flowers we would be honored to have you support The Bereaved Mother's Network (www. bereavedmothersnetwork. com) as they continue to support us in our time of need. A celebration of life service was held at Cedar Grove Community Church on January 19, 2013.

Dwight C. Burnes Born April 4, 1948

Died May 30, 2013

Left to be with our heavenly father – another angel gets his wings. Dwight Burnes, 65 was born in Little



Kenneth Burnes. His familv moved to Livermore in 1962.

Dwight was an avid

and accomplishment grew steadily from the many projects he worked on and the many people he met during his 26 years at the Lab.

Leonard and Dylis were able to enjoy their love of dancing and Dixieland at many festivals across the country, especially the last 30 of their 70 years together. The Oakland A's and SF 49ers provided many happy hours for Len through the years. His greatest sports love, however, was golf. He and his golfing buddies in the SIRS group enjoyed many great years of golf and great friendship.

Words that best describe Leonard include kindness, integrity, patience and dedication. He never met a stranger and embraced all aspects of his life with his optimism and joy. His father and he both were Masons, and Len loved his Sundays at Asbury Methodist Church in Livermore, where he could be found happily every Sunday. People who knew him always left saying what a warm, generous, and sweet man he was. Caregiver is another good description for him as he cared for the love of his life, Dylis, for many years before she passed away March 2, 2011.

an avid 49ers, Lakers, and Sharks fan, and loved fantasy football, computers, music, and spending time with his friends and family. Ryan is predeceased by

his grandmother Gloria Kurtzer and his grandfather Maynard Burton. He is survived by his parents John and Laurie (Burton) Kurtzer and his sister, Kristen Kurtzer. Also surviving are his grandparents, Charlie and Barbara Kurtzer of Livermore, Florence Burton of Livermore; his Aunts and Uncles, Mike and Roseanne Kurtzer of Livermore, Jim and Robin Burton of Orinda, Kathleen (Burton) Foster of Livermore, Stephen and Julie (Burton) Roberts of Oakland; and his cousins and their families: Tyler Kurtzer, Jessica Kurtzer, Jim Burton II, John Burton, Jenna Burton Kelley, Brianna Roberts and Devin Roberts.

A celebration of Ryan's life will be held on Sat. June 15. 2013. 11AM at Sunset Community Church at 2200 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Memorials may be made to The Taylor Family Foundation or to a charity of the donor's choice.

ward, they were members of Hayward Dance Club and enjoyed quarterly dances to big band music. She was an active volunteer with the Almond Branch of the Children's Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed modeling in their fundraising fashion shows

They moved to Pleasanton 26 years ago. She was a member of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church (formerly Pleasanton Presbyterian) and served on the board of elders. Peggy also was an active member of PEO for more than 25 years.

Peggy, a beautiful, creative, loving wife and mother was always there with a smile and a kiss. She was a vivacious woman with a great sense of humor who took delight in making people laugh. She was a person with firm convictions who was willing to speak up when the situation required it.

Peggy loved to work with colors and established an interior design business with a number of clients. She used her design skills in Dick's engineering offices as well as guiding the updating of Pleasanton Presbyterian Church's former Mirador Drive site. She was also an

Mary Alyce Fales

God received another angel when he called Mary Alvce Fales home on June 2nd, 2013; ten days before her 90th



Alyce was born in Junction, Illinois on June 12th, 1923. In 1941 she married Rob-

birthday.

Mary

ert Bradley. From this union four daughters were born.

Preceding her in death was her first born daughter, Phyllis Farenga, two sons-in-law Sam Woods and Richard Meza, great grandson J.R. Farenga, as well as five siblings, Joe Lackey, Maxine Tite, Terrill Lackey, Beatrice Harris, and Louie Lackey.

She is survived by her daughter Carmen Woods, Boise, ID; Sherryl (Jack) Vaughn, Helena, Mt, and Jackie (Glen) Thompson. Livermore, CA. Also surviving are 5 brothers and sisters, 7 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 9 great great grandchildren. Mom will also be missed by her shared puppy "Tasha.

tive spouses: Robert Merritt, Andrew Packer, David Di Bene, Mark Thomas, Mats Bodin, Josh Reed and Elizabeth Marino; and great grandchildren: Isabel and Annie Merritt, Kate and John Thomas, Noah and Jack Packer, Johnny Bodin, Ruby Laura Reed, and Luke Irwin DiBene.

The family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers Suzanne Gutierrez. Kathy Wolf, Gigi Izon and Phoebe Ravelleza. We are forever indebted to their kindness and compassion.

Please make any donations in Laura's name to Hope Hospice.

Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 7 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Arrangements by Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center.

Thomas Daniel Eaton

Thomas Daniel Eaton passed on January 7, 2013. Tommy was born on June 19, 2012.

During his six short months here on Earth his beautiful life touched many and he was loved so deeply by family and friends. He was an answer to prayer and we waited for his birth with joyful expectation. His life was a very brief gift to us that will live on in the hearts of those who loved him and we wait patiently for the day that we are reunited with him in Heaven. All who knew him said that he lit up their lives with his smiles and giggles.

Tommy is the son of Todd and Angie Eaton, of Livermore, California. His paternal grandparents are Daniel and Cheryl Cruey of Brentwood; and maternal grandparents William Yang of Castro Valley and Amy Yang of Fremont. His aunts and uncles are Melissa Eaton of San Ramon; Daniel and

ports fan and collected 49'er memorabilia. He was very caring and always willing to help anyone. Anyone who knew him knew they had met someone special. He will be missed by family and friends.

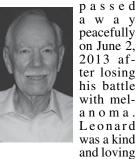
He is survived by his sisters Brenda Skinner, Barbara Hart, Joella Lewis, Jan Taylor, and brother Tom Burnes. He is also survived by his children Teresa Kraberg of Nebraska, Brandi Chance of Texas, and Priscilla Jutras of Nevada, and nine grandchildren.

His funeral service was held on Friday, June 8th at Callahan Mortuary. A reception followed at Almond Avenue Park. It was attended by many of his family and friends.

Leonard E. Caley

April 1, 1923 - June 2, 2013 Resident of Livermore, CA

Leonard E. Caley, long time resident of Livermore,



father, friend, and neighbor.

His childhood in Cheyenne, WY, with brothers Keith and Kenneth, taught him about hardships and hard work. He and his beloved wife, Dylis, raised Leonard, Jr., Donna, Dylis Anne. and Dennis in Lynwood, CA before coming to work for LLNL in Livermore.

After working many years as a master machinist in a paper mill, he jumped at the opportunity to improve the family's circumstances and his employment when he moved them to Livermore in 1960. His sense of pride

Selfless and uncomplaining through her illness and his own, he lived each day courageously and graciously, and lent support to others along the way. All who knew him will miss him greatly.

Leonard's brother, children, grand and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends will remember Leonard as a man who lived with quiet strength and dignity, while giving to life far more than he ever took for himself. Love, laughter, and fun with him are wonderful memories we will all treasure.

A memorial service for Leonard will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church on East Avenue in Livermore at 2pm on June 23, 2013. By his request, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to "Fellowship Hall Fund" Asbury Methodist Church or the American Melanoma Foundation, 4150 Regents Park Row. Suite 300 La Jolla, CA 92037.

Ryan Patrick Kurtzer

Ryan Patrick Kurtzer, 23, of Livermore Calif., passed away on June 1, 2013 in Boulder, Colorado. Born on November 16, 1989 in Kissimmee, Florida, Ryan was a student at the Universty of Colorado in Boulder. His infectious smile, incredible generosity and amazing hugs touched us all and will be dearly missed. He enjoyed golfing, was

Margaret J. "Peggy" Karn

Margaret J. "Peggy" Karn died May 21, 2013 in ValleyCare Hospital after a courageous 10-year battle with multiple system atro-



held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 28 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

She was born Jan. 22, 1929 in Oakland to Mary Celeste and Americus P. Britto. She grew up in Oakland and graduated from Fremont High School.

When she was a sophomore at Fremont High, she met Richard Karn, who became the love of her life. They attended Dick's Senior Ball together before he graduated and joined the Navy. They were married before Dick's senior year at the University of California, Berkeley and she worked to put him through his final year.

She raised their daughter, Pam, and their son, Bob, while they lived in Castro Valley and later Hayward. Dick established his own civil engineering firm in 1966. While living in Hay-

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accomplished artist in oils.

She and Dick travelled widely, touring most of the world, often with professional engineering societies. Dick was involved in leadership of these groups and she joined him on business travel. Her favorite destination was Italy, although she enjoyed some memorable trips to Africa, Russia and other European and Asian countries. They routinely spent the month of February in Baja California.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard Karn, her daughter Pam Karn of Oakland, her son, Bob, and loving daughterin-law Diane, of Vacaville, her sister Gloria Hotton of Franklin, WI., and grandchildren Shawn, Matthew, Rachelle, Lisa and Tom and her great-grandson Wesley. She also leaves a large extended family who she greatly valued, including her care-giver for 2 1/2 years, Rose Fernandez.

The family prefers gifts in her memory to Brain Support Network at P.O. Box 7264, Menlo Park, CA 94026 in support of research on Multiple System Atrophy or Hope Hospice at 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin, CA 94568.

Mom lived and loved each and every day to the fullest. She traveled the world and lived in Hawaii and England for a number of years.

In 2004 mom moved into Heritage Estates and loved it there. She always said she met the "Love of her life," Ralph Lee, and had a fairytale romance for the three years before his passing.

In April, mom moved to Boise, ID to be near her daughter Carmen. However, God had another plan and called her home to him instead.

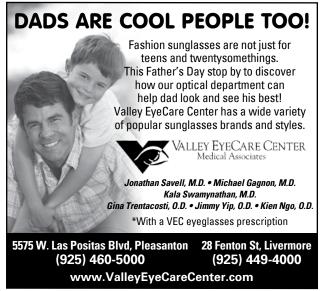
Mom never knew an enemy and touched many people near and far during her 90 years. She loved to play any kind of card game and bingo. She was not a gambler but loved to play for quarters and most always won!

Mom lived her life for her "girls." We will forever feel her love and presence.

Rest in eternal peace Mom, until we meet again. We will always love and miss you.

Services will be held June 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Callahan Mortuary in Livermore, CA.

A reception will follow at 1333 Martha St., Livermore.



Supercomputer Available For Collaborative Work

puter at Lawrence Liver- Performance Computing more National Laboratory is now available for collaborative work with industry and research universities to advance science and accelerate the technological in- missions. The availability novation at the heart of U.S. of Vulcan effectively raises economic competitiveness.

A 5 petaflops (quadrillion floating point operations per second) IBM BlueGene/Q system, Vulcan will serve

The Vulcan supercom- through Livermore's High (HPC) Innovation Center as well as academic collaborations in support of DOE/ National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) the amount of computing at LLNL available for external collaborations by an order of magnitude.

"High performance com-Lab-industry projects puting is a key to accelerating the technological innovation that underpins U.S. economic vitality and global competitiveness," said Fred Streitz, HPC Innovation Center director. "Vulcan offers a level of computing that is transformational, enabling the design and execution of studies that were previously impossible, opening opportunities for new scientific discoveries and breakthrough results for American industries."







solve high-impact problems across a broad range of scientific, technological and business fields. As projects are initiated, the HPC Innovation Center assembles teams of experts and identifies the computer systems needed to develop and deploy transformative solutions for sponsoring companies. On the November 2012 industry-standard Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers, Vulcan would

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the HPC Innovation Center

provides on-demand, pro-

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and connects companies

and academic collaborators

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computer scientists to help

rank as the world's sixth fastest HPC system. This makes it one of the world's most powerful computing resources available for collaborative projects. During its shakeout period, Vulcan was combined

with the larger Sequoia system, producing some breakthrough computation, notably setting a world speed record of 504 billion events per second for a discrete event simulation - a collaboration with the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). This achievement opens the way for the scientific exploration of complex, planetary-sized systems.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

It was an action-packed weekend in Livermore as the city's western heritage was celebrated. In the top photo, a bronc rider ties to make time. The center photo shows one of the entries in the annual parade presented by the Livermore Rotary Club. In the bottom photo, team roping was one of the skills demonstrated during family night.

'Beat Cancer to the **Punchdown' Benefit** Set for Katy Lovell

by Laura Ness

Winemaker Katy Lovell would like to work her 19th harvest this year. She's beaten the odds before, and she intends to do so again. The owner and winemaker

her label printer. Her three children, Julie (18), Brett (21) and Zach (23), have been able to assist her with winery tasks and behind the tasting bar. Zach is now at



requirements. On the other side were those who wanted stronger protections in place, including the creation of an historic district.

The city council majority favored a limited approach. They were supportive of defining demolition, providing a flow chart, clarifying guidelines and policies related to historic preservation, and conducting an historic resource survey. They were also interested in establishing local preservations standards, but only if they were not too restrictive.

Director of Community Development Brian Dolan noted that the task force believes that the city currently allows or could potentially allow too many older buildings to be demolished because the city's standards of historic significance are not strict enough. The standards are based on state criteria.

One of the issues addressed by the task force focused on the lack of a definition of what constitutes demolition. City staff proposed the following: "Demolition of a building for purposes of historic preservation shall be defined as the removal of the front facade or the most visible facade from the street, including changes to the roof and roof line. The front or most visible facade shall be considered the forward most ten feet of the structure." Staff will continue to refine the definition.

The task force felt there was a lack of incentives for property owners to preserve historic structures. To make it easier to identify historic structures, the task force proposed completing a survey of all of the older homes in the downtown. It would cost the city about \$100,000 to conduct the survey. Dolan noted that currently, when a property owner comes in for a change to a structure, he or she is required to pay for an historic site review. The cost is usually about \$5,000 and often can take 30 to 45 days to complete.

Dolan said that the task force suggested that the overall approval process could be improved through provision of a comprehensive flow chart to help inform applicants what various steps and decision points will be involved.

The council was presented with four levels of potential tasks as proposed by the task force. The task force supported the most comprehensive review including establishing a local historic district and providing local standards to determine the historic significance of a structure. The task force also supported providing a definition of demolition, requiring design review for firstfloor residential for historic buildings, clarifying existing policies and guidelines, providing a process flow chart, completing a comprehensive historic resource survey, and implementing a Mills Act Program. The lowest level would implement basic improvements only, including the definition of demolition, clarifying existing policies and guidelines, and providing a process flow chart. Dolan commented that this approach would not add any significant new standards or regulations but would clarify the policies and regulations that already exist. The second level provides for partial implementation of Task Force recommendations (definition of demolition, design review for first-floor residential for historic buildings, clarify existing policies and guidelines, provide process flow chart, complete comprehensive historic resource survey). Level three would include acceptance of a local context statement as the primary resource document and basis for local standards, definition of demolition, design review for first-floor residential for historic buildings, clarification of existing policies and guidelines, and a process flow chart. This level would result in the protection of more historical buildings, while providing better clarity for property

owners, said Dolan.

Public comment came from property owners within the downtown who both supported the task force's proposals and opposed them.

Mike Kerry said that residential properties should be excluded, along with commercial structures. Moving forward with an historic district would stifle development and restoration efforts, he said. If the process were streamlined, more people would invest in the downtown, he added.

Chris Beratlis stated, "I don't think we need any more rules.'

Jon Harvey, who built a modern craftsman style home in the downtown, said he has been collecting signatures in opposition to the proposals. He suggested that the city fix what's broken by reviewing and updating current policies.

Brad Hirst said that everyone benefits from historic preservation. The more restoration, the more customers. That is good for the downtown. "My concern is more regulations will stifle innovation and improvements." He was opposed to a historic district.

Others suggested property values would be reduced if an historic district and new rules were put in place.

On the other side of the issue, Art Dunkley said he has excited about what could be accomplished in a robust historic area. He suggested that setting up a district would attract more investments and encourage property owners to restore structures.

Linda Garbarino, a member of the task force, said the proposals made by the task force would simplify the process, not add rules. "There is a lack of trust in existing oversight. We want more certainty when it comes to preservation."

Bonnie Krichbaum added that a special historic district designation would emphasize Pleasanton's identity and create interest in the area. Many cities have historic districts. "They increase property values and heritage tourism."

Christine Bourg told the council that she hoped a historic district would be created. "There are too many homes being demolished or changed. There need to be more protections in place. This is our community. Its story needs to be preserved," she stated. The city council offered its input. Newly elected Kathy Narum favored something between level two and three. She liked the idea of a comprehensive survey since a property owner would be required to provide an historic survey to make changes to a structure. She would not want to see any new regulations implemented. Karla Brown stated that the downtown is an area that needs to be preserved and enhanced. That doesn't mean it has to be frozen in time. She did not like the decisions that some homeowners have taken to demolish a structure through neglect. A policy is needed to prevent that. She too favored moving forward with a blend of levels 2 and 3. Cheryl Cook-Kallio said she didn't see the proposals by the task force as increased regulation, rather a way to get rid of inconsistences in current regulations. There need to be clear guidelines. Jerry Pentin favored a minimal approach, supporting a definition of demolition, a flow chart of the application process to make changes in a structure, and combining current downtown specific plan, design guidelines and historic statement into one document. Mayor Jerry Thorne also supported defining demolition. He said that it is important to clarify polices and guidelines . A flow chart is always useful. He supported a survey. "I don't support a historic district. I do not want to include commercial properties in the process." He did not support establishing local standards.

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(continued from page 4) not receiving the care they need and are entitled to. Dad worked with his Rotary to raise money for local veterans. If you would like, donations can be made to RAVE, his last charity: http://www. livermore-rotary.org/RAVE. html

When I used to go downtown with my Dad, people would constantly stop us on the street. He was well loved by lifelong friends. I spent the last few weeks of my father's life at his bedside. Many friends came to see him and called from around the country. I was always struck by his unwavering interest in others and his engagingly provocative, lively charm. "A man must fill his life with meaning; meaning is not automatically given to life. It is hard

work to fill one's life with meaning" (The Chosen, C. Potok). These words resound when I consider my father, Donald H. Tishman, 2/7/27-5/30/2013, a remarkable man - one with great presence of mind and compassion. He truly filled his life with meaning, and in so doing influenced many others. Dad is survived by two children Tracy Tishman Brown Sutton and Daniel Tishman from his deceased first wife, Mary Jo Tishman, grandchildren Clifford Tishman, Sarah Tishman, Benjamin Howard Brown, Daniel Ellis Brown, Maribeth Frances Brown, and great grandchild Dakota Tishman and his faithful dog, Yuri. He is also survived by his second wife, Jill Tishman, daughter Victoria, and sister Barbara Grossman.

of Poetic Cellars in Soquel, CA, Katy has long been in love with wine and everything it represents. Many in Livermore know her from her first label, Rios-Lovell, which she started with former husband. Max. who still operates the property under that name. They ran the winery together for 12 years, during which time, Winemaker Julian Halasz, now at Concannnon, worked with Katy in the cellar. Max and Katy still own vineyards together on Vasco and Tesla.

Katy started her second winery adventure, Poetic Cellars, in 2006, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, on a lovely oak-studded property where she hoped to eventually plant Pinot and Rhone varietals. That is, until the neighbors, the county and the worst "c" of all - cancer — got in the way. She was diagnosed with late stage pancreatic cancer a little over two months ago. The hope is that she can make sufficient progress in her battle that she can see another harvest, and then, perhaps, another.

To that end, everyone is invited to a special benefit called "Beat Cancer to the Punchdown," this Saturday, June 15, at her winery in Soquel, just north of Scotts Valley, off highway 17. Noon til 5pm., there will be live music, food, jewelry, wine (of course) and other artisanal vendors.

Katy received her wine education at UC Davis, and was owner and awardwinning winemaker in the Livermore Valley. Katy has always been involved in every aspect of the winemaking process, including vineyard management (pruning, tilling, mowing), driving the truck to the vineyard at harvest, picking, sorting, crushing, barrel racking and topping, chemistry, label design, bottling and hand labeling. She's as skilled with a forklift as she is with

Cal Poly, Brett is at West Valley College and Julie is attending Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz.

Blending is truly her strong suit, a skill that comes as much from her background as a weaver and quilter as it does from her experience in raising three children in a joint custody parental dance, ferrying them back and forth between the Santa Cruz Mountains and Livermore, until they were all finally old enough to drive.

Poetic Cellars on Saturday, June 15 will be the site of a special celebration of life well lived. The afternoon will feature vocalist and guitarist, Asher Stern, Friend in Cheeses jams and chutneys, B&R Farms apricot goodies, Elizabeth Moon's art jewelry and Summit Store's world's best sandwiches, among others. It's truly a taste of Santa Cruz with wine grown mostly in Livermore.

Among the wines being poured are these classics, all of which originate from her Livermore vinevards:

• 2011 Masquerade: a sassy blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier

• 2009 Mourvedre: a smoky, racy, red-fruited goddess of the vine

• 2008 "Ballad": music in a bottle, with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc singing together in pure harmony. This is a classic Bordeaux blend – lean and lithe.

• 2007 Reserve Syrah: velvety, smoky, sexy and packed with meaty goodness • 2006 Petite Sirah: a

pure baked berry pie with chocolate and coffee notes; rich and satisfying.

She might also pour her Livermore Cabernet and her Santa Cruz Mountains Merlot.

Tasting fee is \$10. For more information, visit http://www.summittoseawinetrail.com/event/beatcancer-to-the-punchdown/

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FILE NO. 478091 The following person(s) doing business as: Vasco Mobile home Park, 6539 Southfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551. is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)George Mandel, 271 Montego Drive, Danville, CA 94526 (2)Anna Mandel, 271 Montego Drive, Danville, CA 94526 (3)Ed Solomon, 1210 Stone Valley Road, Alamo, CA 94507 (4)Lidia Solomon, 1210 Stone Valley Road, Alamo, CA 94507 This business is conducted by Co-partners The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/13/2007. Signature of Registrants :s/: George Mandel, Partner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 8, 2013. Expires May 8, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3457. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478070

The following person(s) doing business as: RSQ Construction Co., 850 Polaris Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Steve Queirolo, 850 Polaris Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/1996. Signature of Registrants :s/: Robert S. Queirolo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2013. Expires May 7, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3458. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 478412 The following person(s) doing business as: The POOL-SMITH, 1946 Locust St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chris Smith, 1946 Locust St., Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/03/08. Signature of Registrants :s/: Chris Smith This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 13, 2013. Expires May 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3459. Published May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2013 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 477985

Ebensburg Ln, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James G. Omo, 6433 Ebensburg Ln, Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to

ship under

CA 94550

May 20, 2013.

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following owner(s):

by an Individual

listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants

:s/: Michael Anthony Blaz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 478823

1515 Clav St. Ste 2208

Beverage Control

Oakland, CA 94612

(510) 622-4970

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NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 478847

Fictitious Business Name:

Living Bethlehem, 4166 So-

nia St. Livermore, CA 94550.

County of Alameda.

transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A Signature of Registrants :s/: James G. Omo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 15, 2013. Expires May 15, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3465. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478692

The following person(s) doing business as: KZ CONTRAC-TOR, 835 Brennan Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Khashayar Zeyae, 835 Brennan Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Khashayar Zeyae This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2013. Expires May 21, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3466. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2013. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 477364

The following person(s) doing business as: Joe's Tire Service, 229 Bolton Way, Vallejo, CA 94591, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Joseph Limtiaco (2) Jacqueline M. Limtiaco, 229 Bolton Way, Vallejo, CA

94591 This business is conducted Date of Filing Application: by Married Couple The registrant began to To Whom It May Concern: transact business under the The Names(s) of the fictitious business name(s) Applicant(s) is/are: listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants WINERY INC :s/: Joseph Limtiaco This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 18, 2013. Control to sell alcoholic bev-Expires April 18, 2018. erages at The Independent Legal No. **7986 TESLA RD** 3467. Published May 30,

June 6, 13, 20, 2013. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478370 The following person(s) doing business as: CITY GOLF. 3170 Santa Rita Rd #8, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Indoor Golf Inc, 3170 Santa Rita Rd #8, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted

by a Corporation

The registrant began to The following person(s) doing transact business under the business as: UNCLE Investfictitious business name(s) ment Services, 2100 Las listed above on N/A. Positas Court, Livermore, CA Signature of Registrants 94551, is hereby registered :s/: Suneet Sudan, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 13, 2013. Expires May 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3468. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2013. STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP **OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME **ORIGINAL FILE NO.** 460931

Expires May 24, 2018. The following person(s) has The Independent Legal No. (have) withdrawn as General 3473. Published June 6, 13, Partner(s) from the Partner-20, 27, 2013

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 478587

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Volunteers Sought

For over thirty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and battered women and their children in the Tri-Valley area.

The Haven is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in training to be sexual assault, crisis line, or legal clinic advocates. The Haven's 65-hour

Hacienda Business Park

businesses have been hard

at work over the last several

months with some of the

park's top companies mak-

ing major announcements.

In addition, new tenant ac-

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domestic violence and sexual assault volunteer training course will begin on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening until October 8, 2013.

Volunteers who successfully complete the training will be certified and required to volunteer one shift per month for one year. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older. Volunteer applications and advocacy descriptions can be found at www.trivalley-

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Amerson, President and

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its strong therapeutic benefit

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haven.org - click on Volunteer. Contact Stacey at (925) 449-5845 X2711 or stacey@ trivalleyhaven.org for more information and to schedule an

interview prior to July 16, 2013.

Nature Programs

Cool off in the Creek on Sun., June 16 with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. at the entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Beat the heat and celebrate the end of school by spending an afternoon enjoying the cool waters of the Arroyo del Valle. Learn about some of the creatures lurking in the "deep" (and shallows), and then use nets to see what can be found. Wear clothes that can get wet and closed-toed shoes.

A Solstice Star Walk will be held on Fri., June 21 on the longest day of the year. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 8:30 p.m. at the entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road. The hike will stop along the way to check out the crepuscular critters as they emerge and listen to stories of the summer constellations. The walk will be approximately 2 miles round-trip. There is a \$5 per vehicle

parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless

other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Breakfast Fund-raiser

Agape Villages Foster Care Agency is sponsoring a flapjack breakfast to help raise runds to provide for foster children and families

It will be held on Sat., June 15 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's in Dublin in Hacienda Crossings, 4808 Dublin Blvd. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, and coffee.

Those planning to attend are asked to please contact the Agape Villages office 800-566-2225 for tickets. (Tickets \$10.00 each - purchased in advance only.)

Agape Villages began its ministry to children in 1958, known as Sierra Children's Home. In 1995, the name transitioned to Agape Villages, changing its focus to foster care. Agape Villages is a caring, compassionate foster care agency that pairs children ages 0-21, with families where they can recover and rebuild in a nurturing, loving, and supportive environment.

Please visit www.agapevillages.com for future events.

Pacific Gas and Electric

PG&E CARE Program

Company (PG&E) estimates

that more than 3,900 households in Alameda County and more than 3,600 households in Contra Costa County may be eligible to receive a discount on their monthly energy through the CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) program, but are not yet enrolled.

Every year, the Califor-nia Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adjusts the maximum qualifying household income levels for the CARE program to reflect current federal poverty guidelines.

Customers can compare their pre-tax, annual household income against the latest eligibility guidelines to determine if they now qualify for discounts on their gas and electric bills. New income guidelines are the following: household of 1 - \$22,980; 2 - \$31,020;3 - \$39,060; 4 - \$47,100; 5 - \$55,140; 6 - \$63,180; 7 -\$71,220; 8 - \$79,260. For each additional person add \$8,040.

On average, the CARE program saves income-qualified households \$50 per month on their gas and electric bill. Since the program's inception in 1989, PG&E customers enrolled in CARE have saved more than \$5.2 billion on their energy bills.

Live Classical Guitar by Doug Wendt Every third Sunday, June 16th Music through dinner 6pm-8pm



More information about PG&E's financial assistance programs can be found at http:// www.pge.com/financialassistance

Households can determine if they might qualify for CARE or ESA program and complete an application online. Qualified households will be enrolled in the CARE program within two business days. Customers may also enroll through the toll-free multi-lingual assistance line at (866) 743-2273.

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and safety profile, we believe UroLift will be a first line treatment option for patients with BPH." The new tenants added the last three months include 383 Media, providers of data-driven marketing solutions for niche-market web applications and software; Advanced Rx Management,

a full service Point of Care management company; California Pain, providing pain relief solutions; Daitan Labs of America, a consulting social innovation software provider.





and development partner for technology companies; ImageX, providing marketing collateral, printing, packaging, promotional, direct mail and web based services; Safari Kid, an academic heritage school emphasizing academic enrichment and language; and Spigit, Inc.,

donate \$1 to the Wounded Warrior Project. Adept Technology was the runner-up to Tesla Motors in the Advanced Manufacturing category of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's East Bay Innovation Awards. The company, headquartered in Hacienda, was recognized for its effort to give sight to

robots and to bring mobile robot technology to commercial applications. "These are very smart, very sophisticated robots," Adept president and CEO John Dulchinos said. "We're putting them in warehouses

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• Hacienda's NeoTract reports that a 206-patient study of men with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), an enlargement of the prostate gland, has determined that the company's UroLift System treatment provides rapid symptomatic improve-







Tracy 8829 Waterwell Way \$1,650,000 Exquisite gated estate. Grand entrance leads to a private oasis. Grand chef's gourmet kitchen. Tennis court, vineyard & pool. 6 car garage and more! BY APPOINTMENT 925.251.1111



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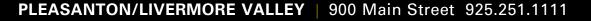


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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



The Taming of the Shrew, Jennifer Le Blanc as Katarina. Photo by Gregg Le Blanc

No Men in Tights in this Shrew

Director Gary Armagnac cuts to the chase when he describes "The Taming of the Shrew," opening June 27 at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer selection has often been called a "problem play" for modern audiences, bumping up against the feminist issues of our age. However, Armagnac says at heart the play is primarily "a wonderful romantic comedy."

In fact, he says, it could be an ancestor to the great screwball comedies of decades ago," with handsome heroes and headstrong heroines who were a match for each other. That's also Shakespeare's blueprint for his willful, sharp-witted characters in this play, Petruchio and Katarina, the "shrew" of the title.

Like those old movies, love is definitely in the air. "One of the first things that hit me on rereading the play was that all the men and women want to get married," Armagnac says. "It reminded me of when the men came home from World War II."

The postwar era was a time for fitting back into society. Johnny came marching home and had to make a living. Rosie the Riveter was expected to retire and find happiness in a rose-covered cottage. The battle of the sexes took a breather, at least on the surface.

Moving the setting from 16th century Padua to America in the late 1940s seemed like a natural for his production, says Armagnac, a veteran professional actor and director. The play will open on a big welcome home party for the returning G.I.'s, some still in uniform.

When Katarina, played by Jennifer LeBlanc, enters, she'll be carrying a bushel of grapes, singing "The Man I Love," the wistful old Ella Fitzgerald favorite.

Perhaps, she'll be channeling the spirit of Katherine Vajda, California's first female winemaker, who created Concannon wines from 1950 to 1960. "She was a very strong woman in breaking through the glass ceiling," says Armagnac, delighted to make the connection between the two gutsy Katherines. (Older residents will remember Vajda as a woman of many talents. She was a ballet dancer in Austria before she emigrated to America, and in addition to her winemaking career she was an interior designer for many young Livermore families.)

Some traditionalists will miss the pumpkin pants and neck ruffs of Elizabethan-style Shakespeare productions. But Armagnac promises "spectacular" costumes of the Late Forties era. This period also helps to keep the characters more identifiable, wearing clothes of their trades and stations in life. It also helps mark the passage of time, as the returning G.I.'s shed their uniforms for sports shirts and slacks.

As rehearsals begin, Armagnac is feeling lucky for

Entries in Photo Contest Are Due

Alameda County CattleWomen is holding a Father's Day Photo Contest.

Cash prizes will be awarded. The theme is "He Oughta Beef in Pictures." Along with the prizes, the winning photo will be published in The Independent.

"Families are an important part of American society, and as the guiding member of the family, father deserves some special recognition at least once a year," said Allison Batteate, of Alameda County CattleWomen. "We think this contest is a great way to show Dad how important he is to our way of life."

Photos may be of Fathers, Grandfather's or "Father-like" figures that you want to honor for Father's Day.

Contest entries, which can be in black and white or color, are to show why father deserves beef on Father's Day. Photos must be 3" x 5" or larger. An optional 25-words-or-less description of the photo may also be submitted.

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to enter the contest. Official entry forms may be obtained from AlamedaCountyCattleWomen. com website or by calling 925-449-6048.

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by Monday, June 17, 2013. Send photos in jpeg format to Madsencattle@ vahoo.com or mail entries to ACCW, 10620 Flynn Rd. S, Livermore, CA. All entries will be displayed on AlamedaCountyCattleWomen.com website.

Golden Follies variety show comes to the Firehouse Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, June 23, for one show only at 2:00 p.m. The fast paced Las Vegasstyle revue is lavishly costumed, and features lots of high energy, stylish choreography performed by the 25 member cast of seasoned performers ages 60-88.

Production numbers will include "Come Fly with Me" which takes a journey to the great entertainment capitals of the USA, including New York, Hollywood, Las Vegas, and Chicago. Also included are musical showcases paying tribute to legendary artists Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, and Elvis Presley. Golden Follies Beach Babes adds some 'silly and sassy' to the mix, and a big tribute to the USA with patriotic tunes is also on the bill. Joining the production as special guest chanteuse is the vocal talent Darla Wigginton.

The Golden Follies was founded 15 years ago by sisters Diane Stawicki and Susan Bostwick, who are the dynamic force behind all aspects of the show, including direction, choreography, concept, and costumes. Both have extensive professional performing



Golden Follies Revue at Firehouse Arts Center

backgrounds, having traveled throughout the US and Europe appearing with such artists as Wayne Newton, Robert Goulet, the Pointer Sisters, Rita Moreno, Paul Anka, Jack Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dolly Parton to name just a few.

The Golden Follies cast not only has members from Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, and San Ramon, but also dancers who travel from as far away as

Bethel Island, Granite Bay, Pacifica, and Lake County to be part of the ensemble. The Golden Follies revue has performed shows and events all over northern California, including at the prestigious Paramount Theater as special guest artists with the Oakland Symphony.

The troupe members hail from all walks of life, according to director Susan Bostwick. "The majority

are retired, having been teachers, real estate agents, medical techs, administrators for the VA and Safeway Corporate, city and county employees, NASA folks and restaurant owners." She goes on to say that "all are homemakers, wives, mothers, grandmothers, and in some cases, great-grandmothers. These energetic, enthusiastic and talented seniors are active in their respective com-

munities and committed to the Golden Follies. Besides their dance involvement. they share life experiences, love, and friendship with each other."

Appearing with the Golden Follies for the Firehouse Arts Center performance will be San Francisco chanteuse Darla Wigginton. This versatile "singing actress" has performed to rave reviews across the US and abroad in opera, concert, musical theater, variety, and cabaret productions. She has sung with the San Francisco Symphony, Portland Opera, Connecticut Opera, Oakland East Bay Symphony, Festival Opera, Opera Barga (Italy), Opera San Jose, Natchez Opera Festival, and at Lincoln Center in NYC. The SF Examiner has praised her for "...a rich and dramatic mezzo-soprano," and the SF Chronicle has lauded "...her vocal refinement and genuine comic timing."

The matinee is one show only. Tickets are \$15-\$25 with youth and senior discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, and at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Dublin Offers Concerts, Outdoor Movies This Summer

The City of Dublin will offer two special entertainment series this summer. Admission is free.

Shamrock'n Sundays Concert Series begins June 30. Performances will be at Emerald Glen Park. They begin at 5 p.m.

The Cocktail Monkees will be on stage on June 30; Jukebox Heroes on July 21; and Finding Stella ends the series on August 18.

blankets and a picnic or purchase a delicious dinner from several food vendors

which will be onsite. No pets features the following movplease. For more information call 925-556-4500.

On July 12, Picnic Flix Bring beach chairs or will offer outdoor movies in Emerald Glen Park.

This summer's schedule

ies: Fri., July 12, Madagascar 3 (PG); Fri., Aug. 2, Angels in the Outfield (PG); and Fri., Aug. 23, Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3.

Attendees may arrive as early as 7:00pm. Movies will

begin at dusk - typically 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Also, new for this year, look for food vendors who will be offering great food to enjoy along with the movie. No pets please. For more information call (925) 556-4500.

Largest and Most Diverse Season in Bankhead Theater History

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced its seventh LVPAC Presents season, which will open on September 5, 2013 with R&B vocal group All4One. With 60 events scheduled, this is the largest and most diverse program of music and performing arts presented at the Bankhead Theater since it opened in 2007. A breadth of musical styles will be offered, from blues guitar, rock, country and jazz, to Broadway love songs and familiar Doo Wop, interwoven with rhythms from around the world. Comedy, dance, and thought-provoking theater round out the expanded 2013-2014 calendar.

Appearing at the Bankhead Theater for the first time will be such seasoned entertainers as Maria Muldaur, Gary Wright and Livingston Taylor, as well as the up-and-coming talent of contemporary pianist Vienna Teng, and innovative jazz composer Jonathan Batiste and his Stay Human Band. Internationally-acclaimed chamber music group Philharmonia Baroque will make its first appearance. The sizzle of Smuin Ballet's XXMAS show kicks off the holidays on November 29, followed by Ballet Folklórico Costa de Oro's Yuletide Spectacular, a Doo Wop Holiday Celebration, and the memory-filled tribute to years gone by, "Home for the Holidays – a WWII Christmas" with the vocals of Andrea Marcovicci. Favorites from prior years will return to the Bankhead stage, including swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, comedian Paula Poundstone, singer-songwriter Dar Williams, and the acrobatic dance of Diavolo.

World music continues to play a key role in the LVPAC



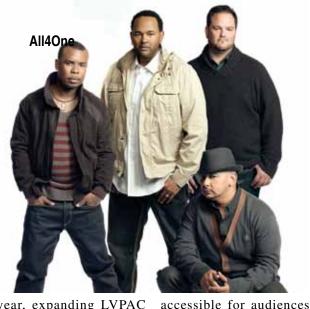
Hot Peas and Butter

Presents season, reflecting the region's rich cultural diversity and satisfying the broad range of interests in the community. This year the Bankhead will welcome Amjad Ali Khan the international master of the Indian stringed instrument the sarod, the Latin rhythms of Pacific Mambo Orchestra, French chanteuse Cyrille Aimee, and the return of the story-filled dance extravaganza "Celtic Nights."

Over the past six years, Livermore has emerged as a popular and well-respected entertainment hub for the Tri-Valley region. The venue not only attracts a diverse and enthusiastic audience, it has earned the appreciation of entertainers as well. "Our audiences are eager to explore new musical styles and experiences and have made artists of all genres feel welcome," said Len Alexander LVPAC's executive director. "Together with the venue's rich acoustics and intimate size, they help the Bankhead attract a range of high caliber performers, many of whom have expressed an interest in returning. With such positive audience response and performer interest, we have been able to build on the success of prior seasons each



Maria Muldaur



year, expanding LVPAC Presents from just 24 events in 2007 to its current size," Alexander added.

The success of LVPAC Presents has enriched the community in other ways as well, providing the funding for free outdoor summertime concerts on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater. This year, "Tuesday Tunes" was added to "Friday Nights LIVE!" providing two nights of live music each week from early June through mid-September. Introducing the performing arts to young people and making them

of all ages is an important priority for LVPAC. The Flying Karamazov Brothers and the magic and illusions of "Outerbridge-Clockwork Mysteries" are ideal events for families, as are two special Sunday matinees scheduled this season, the multicultural music of Hot Peas and Butter and the two-man circus hilarity of Circo Comedia. For these and nearly every show throughout the season, student tickets are priced at just \$15.

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Livermore School of Dance

Summer Ballet & Jazz Recitals JUN 15 11am & 3pm JUN 21,22,23 7 & 2pm

Xtreme Force Dance Company

Dance Around the World THU **JUN 27** 6:30pm

Pavlo

Guitar Master of Flamenco and Latin Rhythms FRI **JUN 28** 8pm

Led Zeppelin Concert Experience

Featuring Heartbreaker SAT **JUN 29** 8pm

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Original Country

Rock Legends SUN **JUL 7** 7pm

Oliver!

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre JUL 20,21,26,27,28 8 & 2pm AUG 2,3,4 8 & 2pm

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

A Fiery Blast of Pure New Orleans Joy FRI **AUG 9** 8pm



The Liar Opens Shakespeare Festival's Season

Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens its 11th season of Shakespeare in the Vineyard on June 20th with The Liar by David Ives.

The play is adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille. The recently re-translated and adapted comedy continues the company's tradition of offering one non-Shakespeare piece in repertory with a Shakespeare play. The Liar has been making the rounds to audiences' delight at many regional theaters and festivals in the last few years. The Liar by Ives, best known for his book of plays All in the Timing, was originally produced at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. in 2010 under the direction of Michael Kahn. The Washington Examiner raved "(The Liar is) astonishingly fresh, funny, and totally appealing to modern audiences."

The comedy takes place in 17th Century Paris. It

centers around a boastful young man, Dorante, who moves to Paris after completing law school. He encounters Clarice and Lucrece, whom he confuses one for the other. The story continues with the classical farce components of mistaken identity, romance, fabrication, and eventually, a happy resolution.

Returning to Livermore Shakes is Kathryn Zdan, last seen in 2011 in Lend Me A Tenor. Since her last appearance with Livermore Shakes, Ms. Zdan has acted in 7 shows in 2 states, recorded an album for a rock opera, and taught and directed about 300 young people all over the Bay Area.

The Liar's leading man, Dorante, is played by American Conservatory Theatre MFA candidate, Rafael Jordan. Livermore Shakes has featured a student from the prestigious conservatory for the last 3 seasons. ACT Conservatory Director and

Head of Acting, Melissa Smith, says, "Livermore Shakespeare provides ACT's MFA actors with a wonderful opportunity to do classical work alongside professional actors during summer months, thereby initiating them into the professional world and extending the classical training experience at the same time. It's a relationship ACT values!" Smith continues, "Rafael Jordan is a multifaceted actor whose generous, mischievous spirit lights up a room and breathes warmth into an ensemble. He's a joy to work with."

Playing in partial repertory with The Liar is William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, The Taming of the Shrew. Livermore Shakespeare Festival 2013 runs June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets on sale now at www.LivermoreShakes or 1-800-838-3006.

Pleasanton Residents Urged to Take Part in Cultural Plan Update

The Community Services Department of the City of Pleasanton is in the midst of a Cultural Plan Update. The current plan was completed in 1998 and highlighted six goals for the future of civic arts, the most notable of which was the development of the elegant Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

Public input is considered critical to update this important plan and resident input is sought to guide the future of the arts in Pleasanton. The update process includes a series of community workshops, the third of which is slated on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

The meeting will afford participants the opportunity to learn about the feedback elicited in the two April workshops, and to contribute to the process. The draft plan will be shared with the Pleasanton community in October

For more information or to comment on the Cultural Plan Update process please contact Michele Crose, Community Services Manager at (925) 931-5347, or mcrose@ cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Hope Hospice, ValleyCare and USF Pleasanton To Hold Session on 'End of Life Conversation'

To help community members start the conversation about end of life, Hope Hospice, ValleyCare Health System and the University of San Francisco Pleasanton Campus are jointly sponsoring a film screening of the documentary, Consider the Conversation, followed by a panel discussion by medical and communication experts. This free event will be

held on Monday, June 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6) at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street in Livermore. No reservations are needed.

Consider the Conversation highlights the American struggle with communication and preparation for the end of life. "This film inspires and empowers people to make their wishes known," says Victoria Emmons, Hope Hospice CEO. "Hope Hospice is actively participating in The Conversation Project, a nationwide effort that is dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. This screening is one of several events we are devoting to this important project.'

According to the California HealthCare Foundation, 82 percent of Californians surveyed said it is important to put their wishes in writing – only 23 percent have actually done it. "Advance directives give individuals control over the health care they receive and the ability to name an "agent" to speak for them if they cannot speak for themselves," says ValleyCare Health System CEO Marcy Feit. "It is our hope that the community will take to heart the message of this film and speak to their loved ones about their wishes for end-of-life care and complete their advance directives."

A panel discussion and Q&As will follow the film screening. Panelists include:

Kuljeet Multani, MD -Board certified Palliative Care and Internal Medicine. She is the medical director of Palliative Care for ValleyCare Health System.

Peter P. Wong, MD -Board certified in Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology, Hospice and Palliative Care. He is the Chief Medical Office of Hope Hospice and a medical oncologist at The Regional Cancer Center at ValleyCare Medical Center.

Lisa Krieger - Science/ Medicine writer with the San Jose Mercury News/ Bay Area News Group. She recently wrote the powerful award-winning nine-part series, "The Cost of Dying."

Sue Rubin, PhD - Clinical ethicist and co-founder of The Ethics Practice, a firm devoted to providing bioethics education, research and clinical education. She serves as a consulting ethicist for ValleyCare Health System.

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his "spectacular" cast, headed by seasoned actors LeBlanc as Katarina and Armando McClain as her money-hungry suitor, Petruchio. The two were cast together in LSF's 2011 production of Macbeth, with McClain in the title role and LeBlanc as his ambitious wife. LeBlanc also had roles in LSF's The Real Thing by Tom Stoppard, and Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor

As to that troublesome ending, where a submissive-sounding Katarina lectures the other women on their wifely duties and their husbands' virtues, Armagnac concedes that finding the right interpretation is "a tough nut to crack." However, he believes it will be both believable and palatable to the audience.

"I think Kate is a person who has never been loved and feels unlovable," he says. Her father dotes on his younger daughter, there is no mother in the family, and no one else in her life.

Then Petruchio shows up "to wive it wealthily" in Padua. "He never once abuses her, physically or verbally," Armagnac says. "He does point out what's unacceptable in polite society. By the end of the play he hasn't beaten her and she hasn't given up. There's give and take on both sides."

Neither of them are expecting love in the marriage. They end up with much more than they bargained for.

Armagnac predicts the play's ending is bound to spark some lively discussions, not only about sex roles but also about how the conformity of the late Forties and Fifties came about. He adds, "The emphasis is on romance. Mainly, it's going to be fun."

William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, The Taming of the Shrew, and The Liar, adapted by David Ives from a 17th century comedy by Pierre Corneille comprise the Livermore Shakespeare Festival 2013 season. The productions play in repertory June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vinevard, Tickets on sale now. Visit www. LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-2273 (BARD) for more information or to purchase tickets.



Expanded Event Offers Wide Variety of Programs



Livermore Valley's premiere food and wine affair, Taste Our Terroir 2013, has expanded from one evening to four days for 2013. The historic wine region will celebrate and educate wine lovers about its unique "taste of the land" July 18-21. A French term, *terroir* expresses "a sense of place," the way local conditions of land, climate, culture and technique combine to create wine attributes specific to a region.

Over the four days, local wineries will offer more than 20 different events including a food and wine pairing competition, culinary demonstrations, vineyard tours, wine tasting seminars and a five-course varietal dinner featuring 17 Livermore Valley Sauvignon wines.

Taste Our Terroir 2013 will begin Thursday night, July 18, 6-9pm, with the region's signature event, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence.

Twenty Livermore Valley winemakers have partnered with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Experts David Glancy of the San Francisco Wine School, food writer Ethan Fletcher of *Diablo Magazine* and Chef Jude Affronti of Sur La Table and Affronti Food + Wine Bar will sample the gourmet pairings in a blind tasting before awarding Most Innovative Pairing, Judges' Best Pairing, Best White Wine Pairing and Best Classic Pairing. Guests will have the opportunity to taste all 20 pairings, bid on luxurious silent auction items, enjoy a decadent dessert room presented by US Foods and cast a vote in the People's Choice competition.

Tickets are \$85 at www.LVwine.org.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, wineries across Livermore Valley will host cooking classes, barrel seminars, blending sessions, vineyard tours and other unique experiences highlighting the region's terroir. Visit www. LVwine.org for tickets and details on 18 events, including:

FRIDAY, JULY 19

• 29 Minute Meals with Chef Tracy at Rodrigue Molyneaux (\$49)

• Olivina Tour & Lunch at Retzlaff Estate Vineyards (\$60)

• Secrets of a Sommelier: The Art of Blind Tasting at Double Barrel (\$60)

• Steven Kent Single Vineyard Cabernet Comparison (\$45)

• Sushi 101 with Global Grub at Page Mill Winery (\$45)

• Ports of Call Dessert Wine Stroll hosted by seven wineries (\$45)

SATURDAY, JULY 20

• Cooking demonstration with Top Chef contestant Ryan Scott at McGrail Vineyards (\$65)

• Livermore Valley Vineyard Tour and Tasting at three local vineyards (\$60)

• Les Chenes Perfect Pairing: Rhone Renaissance and Food (\$49)

• Grilling with Wente Vineyards and VinX (\$49)

• Bordeaux Blending at Cuda Ridge (\$60)

• Barrel Differences at Nottingham Cellars (\$35)

• Let's Talk Cabernet with Rodrigue Molyneaux (\$49)

• Wine & Food Pairing 101 at Concannon Vineyard (\$65)

• Livermore Valley Sauvignon Varietal Dinner at Martinelli Event Center (\$125)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

• From Vine to Glass: Through the Winemaker's Eyes at McGrail Vinevards (\$35)

• French vs. American: Wine and Cheese Tasting at La Rochelle Winery (\$45)

• Wine and Food Pairing at Auburn James (\$49)

• Riedel Wine Glass Seminar at Las Positas Vineyards (\$49)

Taste Our Terroir will culminate Saturday night July 20 as guests join local winemakers for a five course varietal dinner featuring 17 Livermore Valley Sauvignon wines—five Sauvignon Blanc and 12 Cabernet Sauvignon. This exclusive event will take place 6-9pm at Martinelli Event Center in Livermore. Cocktail attire is requested. Tickets are \$125 at www.LVwine.org.

Tickets for all Taste Our Terroir events are available individually or in packages that offer a 10 percent discount. The four-day celebration is sponsored by Dublin Hyundai-Toyota-Volkswagen, City of Dublin, City of Livermore, Visit Tri-Valley, Amos Productions, Diablo Magazine, ImageSetters, Livermore Valley Florist, Pleasanton Rentals and US Foods.



Livermore School of Dance

Jazz and Ballet on Program

The Livermore School Of Dance will present performances by both the jazz and ballet divisions.

The Jazz Division's 9th annual dance showcase, *Dance Changes Everything* will include all ages and levels of dance. The dancers will perform Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theater/Broadway, Tap, Contemporary, Tumbling and Modern. Also featured will be Student Choreography and the second annual performance of the Dads Dance Crew.

On Sat., June 15, 3 p.m., the Junior Division Showcase will be performed. Then Friday, June 21, 7 p.m., and June 22, 2 p.m., performances will highlight the older, intermediate and advanced level dancers as well as the Jazz Company dancers.

On June 22 at 7 p.m. and June 23 at 2 p.m. will be performances by the Ballet Division of Sleeping Beauty ... with a twist.

Deep within the kingdom's magical forest, young Princess Aurora is on the run from the evil Carabosse, who is quite upset at not receiving an invitation to Aurora's christening. The princess is befriended by many forest-dwelling characters who assist her on her journey, none of whom are aware that Carabosse is close behind. Aurora meets Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel, and the intriguing but mysterious Rumpelstiltskin. She also learns to be wary of the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Hag, and the Blind Witch. Will Carabosse catch her in the end or will Aurora's friends protect her? It is the classic tale of good versus evil, but also a tale of the importance and meaning of true friendship.

Young ballet dancers take the audience on a journey through enchanted woods where butterflies, fireflies, raindrops, flowers, and fairies frolic in Forest Fantasia to be performed at 11 a.m. on Sat., June 15.

The performances will be held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information, go to www. bankheadtheater.org or call 373-6800.

et purchase beginning on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 and receive a 10 percent discount on LVPAC Presents tickets all year. Additional benefits including concession vouchers and access to the Scott Haggerty Founder's Room during intermission are available at higher membership levels, contact 925-583-2305 for more information on LVPAC Membership. Tickets for the entire LVPAC Presents 2012-2013 season will be available to the general public after July 9, 2013 at the box office, by phone or via the internet.

Celebrity Chef to Give Cooking Demonstration

The public is invited to New Leaf Community Markets' new store in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center on June 20 to see celebrity Chef Sharone Hackman in action. In 2010, Chef Sharone appeared on FOX Network's MasterChef, a reality cooking show that seeks America's most promising amateur chefs, and stole the show when he crafted a BBQ sauce that MasterChef judge Gordon Ramsey called "the best BBQ sauce ever made."

Before going on the MasterChef show, Hakman tested his creation by serving BBQ sauce-smothered steak to 500 Marines at Camp Pendleton, and satisfying America's road warriors with gourmet BBQ burgers in a truck stop food challenge.

Chef Sharone will give a grilling demonstration Thursday, June 20 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at New Leaf Community Markets, located at 3550 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton (corner of Bernal and Vineyard avenues). Chef Sharone will grill a variety of vegetables and meats and offer samples.



Chef Sharone Hackman

The culinary showman's goal is to redefine BBQ and elevate it with real body, developed flavor, and sophistication. His sauces can be used in glazes, dips, dressings, spreads, braising, and chilis.

For more information about this event, visit www.new-leaf.com or call 925-621-7660 ext. 120.

Reading Programs for All Ages Offered at Pleasanton Library

Summer reading programs are available to kids, adults and teens at the Pleasanton Library.

Adults and teens are invited to Explore Reading from June 15 to August 4.

Win fantastic prizes by reading or listening to books, writing book reviews or attending library programs for teens entering high school and adults of all ages. The first 100 to turn in their reading logs will be awarded a mini LED flashlight and there will be a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. The more you read the more there are to win.

For more information visit the summer reading blog at www.adultsummerreading.wordpress.com o r ask at the Reference Desk by calling 925 931-3400 extension 4.

Prehistoric Pleasanton is the theme of the 2013 summer reading game for the younger set. The reading program runs June 15 to August 4.

The program includes a series of happenings including Wednesday programs and Tuesday movies.

All programs require a free ticket. They will be distributed in the children's area on the day of the program, half an hour before the scheduled start. Attendance is limited to room capacity for the show.

The Wednesday events begin on June 19 with Dinosaurs Rock, an interactive museum show and concludes August 1-2 with summer game days. Tuesday novies start on June 18 with Dinosaur and end on July 16 with The Croods.

Please call the children's desk, 931-3400 ext. 3 for information.

For a complete list of programs go to www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to access the library's website, click on children's events.

All library programs are free.

Buki the Clown's Magic Show at Springtown Library

The Livermore Public Library will present Buki the Clown's Magic Show on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 6:00pm, at the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Drive. Buki the Clown's Magic Show is one of the many performances planned during the library's 2013 Summer Reading Program, "Reading is So Delicious!"

Throughout Buki the Clown's interactive, childfriendly performances, the audience members end up being the magicians as Buki looks on in amazement. Laugh along with Buki as she offers silly slapstick comedy in both English and Spanish.

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are geared toward children



ages four (4) and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include story times, crafts, a wildlife presentation and international performances. Pick up a 2013 "Reading is So Delicious!" calendar of events at any of the library's three locations. For further information, please call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.net.

The Phantom Tollbooth Offered Fun and Education

By Carol Graham

"An hour. Sixty minutes. How long it really lasts depends on what you do with it."

So ends the play *The Phantom Tollbooth*, performed with panache by Granada High School students during six performances from May 30th through June 7th.

"For some people, an hour seems to last forever. For others, just a moment, and so full of things to do," notes the clock in the play adapted by Susan Nanus from the 1961 children's book by Norton Juster.

Director and drama teacher Jefrey Watts first read the book as a boy slightly younger than lead character Milo. "The plot was full of whimsy and humor, of logic and nonlogic, and of characters that were absurd and lovable," says Watts. "As a young boy, this fantastical tale inspired me."

While *The Phantom Tollbooth* officially may be considered a children's book and play, its wit and clever plays on words makes it enormously enjoyable for all ages.

The action begins with non-action: a period of nothing but the loud ticking of a clock. "See that? Half a minute gone by," the clock finally says. "Seems like a long time when you're waiting for something to happen."

From there, many unusual things happen as Milo, a boy bored by the world around him, comes home one afternoon to discover a magic tollbooth that transports him to the Kingdom of Wisdom. There he acquires two companions - a dog named Tock and a creature named Humbug - has many adventures, and goes on a quest to rescue two princesses: Rhyme and Reason.

Along the way, Milo meets the Ministers, five characters who speak in synonyms. "Obviously, you don't know who we are. The Duke of Definition," says one, echoed, as always, by the others: "The Minister of Meaning." "The Earl of Essence." "The Count of Connotation." "The Undersecretary of Understanding."

"I love this play because first, it's a children's show and I get to act extra big and have a lot of fun," says junior Trevor March, who played Milo. "Second, this show has the best set, costumes and props."

Milo's adventures land him in the Doldrums, where he meets the groggy, apathetic lethargarians. He goes on to meet King Azaz the Unabridged, the head of Dictionopolis, and the Mathemagician who heads the opposing Digitopolis. He interacts with, among others, Dr. Kakofonous A. Discord, a scientist who enjoys unpleasant sounds, and the Dodecahedron, a character with 12 faces.

"I loved the word play and the fact that anything can happen in this pretend world," says junior Kayleigh La Grutta, who played Humbug. "My favorite memory from this production will be working with the other two leads. We have great stage connections and awesome chemistry. Drama has helped me by showing me how to listen and connect with others even if I do not totally agree with what they are saying or the choices they are making." Adds Watts, "The

performing arts have so (continued on page 7)

Hoedown, Birthday Celebration Highlight Day at Croce Elementary

The school named for him celebrated Leo Croce's 90th birthday during the school's annual hoedown.

Croce began his teaching career in the Oakland (California) Unified School district in July, 1948. During his 24 years in that district he served as teacher, counselor, coach, vice-principal, principal and as an Area Superintendent.

On July 1, 1973, Mr. Croce was appointed as superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. He served as superintendent of the Livermore school district for 16 years. This was the longest tenure of any superintendent in the history of the school district. He retired on June 30, 1989 marking 40 years in public education.

In October of 1991, the school board named a school in his honor, Leo R. Croce Elementary school.

Croce has always been very involved in community affairs and community service, with active participation in the Livermore Rotary Club, the Las Positas Seniors Curriculum Committee, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Cerebral Palsy Association for the Bay Area.

In appreciation of the honor of dedicating this school in his name, Mr. Croce and his family established a perpetual scholarship fund. This fund will award a college scholarship each year to an outstanding student who attended Croce School and graduated from a Livermore School District high school.

One of the highlights of Mr. Croce's retirement is to visit Croce School and to meet the students, parents and staff at the school activities in which he participates.

He was on hand when the school in Livermore held its annual Hoe Down. Students performed square dances and met the Livermore Rodeo Queen. The new Cheetah mascot was introduced. Families were on hand to watch the festivities.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen



In the top photo, students took part in a square dance. Below, right, the new mascot greets Leo Croce and at left, makes tudents laugh.



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many applications outside of high school including building confidence, poise and speaking skills. But I think what is most helpful for the students is learning how to work in large group environments, something that is difficult to teach in a normal classroom setting. That group, that sense of family, is very important." Family members pitch

rainly members pitch in, too. Actor Chelsea Bartlett's mother made incredible costumes, while Watts's father helped create sets and props for this magical production.

"If you know what to look for, you can see his handiwork in almost every scene," says Watts. "From the bed, the window frame and the wagon to the book used as a background, he's everywhere."

Actor Maddy Hayley laughs. "We call him 'Captain Watts.' It sounds better than Mr. Watts Senior."

Earlier this school year, GHS produced *Twelve An*-

gry People. Plans for next year's productions include a comedy. "I haven't made my decision yet, but my students have been asking for a comedy," says Watts. "I'll be looking for something that will make people laugh."

Supporting high school drama is a win-win for

community members. Tickets, from \$5 to \$7, cost considerably less than other types of entertainment. Iit's terrific fun to experience the teens' talent and hard work. All are welcome to attend.

"What students bring to the process is a neverending energy and excitement," says Watts. "It can be exhilarating. I hope my students take away from this experience the sense that, with a close-knit group and a fair amount of work, they can create something amazing."

For more information, contact jwatts@lvjusd.k12. ca.us.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

- Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.
- Art Happens, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Next event is June 13 with focus on Western Heritage. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.
- Seasons of the Valley, an exhibit of the art of Bettie Goosman is displayed at The Purple Orchid Inn, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore to the end of June. Art can be viewed daily from 8am. to 6 p.m. For more information call (925) 606-8855.
- Exhibit, Cuda Ridge Wines, Louise Gray's colorful abstract art on display through June 30. Cuda Ridge Winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore.
- The Contemporary Landscape: Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, June 7 through July 19. Invitational exhibit featuring 5 very different artists, from abstract to conceptual: John Crawford, John Maxon, Margaret Rinkovsky, Jenn Shifflet, Jeff Snell. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations always appreciated.
- Where a Painter Meets Poets. A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lilv Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30. The show, Where a Painter Meets Poets, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks. A reception will be held Saturday, June 22, 2-4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. A book and a calendar showcasing Xu's watercolors and poems by the participating writers, also titled Where a Painter Meets Poets, will be available for purchase at the reception.
- Art Under the Oaks, July 20 and 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery. Livermore Art Association show. Art displays, demonstrations, entertainment, etc. www.livermoreartassociation.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

- Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon June 17 Almond Avenue School
- Livermore. Presentation of Canon products. Door prize. All are invited. No admission charge. wwwPAL-ART. com or www.livermoreartassociation.org. Fine Art on Friday, 10 a.m. with Art
- Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.
- Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 – microangelo@earthlink.net.
- Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 – 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/
- Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Homeschool classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@ hotmail.com for further info.
- PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac. Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.
- The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2013 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 through high school to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced

portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net. Summer Drawing Classes in the evenings at the Figurehead Gallery 2222 2nd Street, Suite 21, Livermore: Jacob Hankinson, Portrait Drawing, Mondays, June 24-August 12, (8 week session), 7-9 PM, \$200; Jacob Hankinson, Intro to Drawing, Fridays, June 21-August 9, (8 week session), 4-6 PM, \$200; Ozell Hudson, Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays, June 25-August 27, (10 week session), 7-9 PM, \$250; Ozell Hudson, Figure Drawing, Wednesdays, June 26-August 14, (8 week session), 7-9 PM, \$250, 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. 337-1799 or figureheadgallery.com Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond." Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting 9:30 a.m., Mon., June 17 and 1:00 p.m., June 17 for 5 weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Art Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, 1912 2nd St. Livermore, 925-443-3388. Space is limited. See Maryann's art at www.maryannkot.com. Ukulele Circle, meeting June 29th. Meetings are every 2nd and last Saturday of the month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by contacting us at (925) 960-1194 or www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs. Firehouse First Fridays: Free Summer Events at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. July 5, August 2. All

- free and open to the public. Events include: Open mic on Firehouse Theater Stage anchored by special guest acts, Harrington Art Gallery exhibits, art demonstrations by noted collage, mixed media, paint and fiber artists. and children's art projects led by Debbie Wardrope and Young Rembrandts. Other activities include face painting by Limelight Faces, balloons, light refreshments, and Firehouse staff on hand to chat and answer questions. Firehouse Arts Center is located in downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue, For information visit www.firehousearts.org, or call 925-931-4848.
- Students at the Young Actors' Theatre Camp will act, sing and dance singing and dancing their way through their summer break with Darren Criss from Glee, Sutton Foster a two time Tony Award winner from Anything Goes, Cynthia Addai-Robinson from

Vampire Diaries, Naomi Grossman from American Horror Story and other master class teachers. Founder and Co-Director Shawn Ryan started the Young Actors' Theatre Camp ten years ago in Berkeley, CA. For further information visit www.CampYATC. com or call (925) 858-3548. Space is available until full. Camp will be held at Camp Sempervirens, 20161 Big Basin Highway, Boulder Creek.

WINERY EVENTS

- Las Positas Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. June 19: Evening at the Vineyards - Live music by Bones-Quigley, dancing, individual Pizzetta and glass of wine. Tickets are \$30 for general public and \$25 for Wine Club members. For more information or to make a reservation call 925-449-9463 or visit our website at www. laspositasvineyards.com.
- Live Music, The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore, 215-2656. www.winemakerspourhouse.com. June 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m., BoSco Duo; June 15, 7-10 p.m., Tumble Down House; June 15, 7-9:30 p.m., Chris Lebel.
- Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org. Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane
- Ridge Rd (at the end of Greenville), Livermore. Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a m - 4.30 p m. Dart board to win discounts on wine, or just to beat the last guy.Manly munchies will pair well with bold Cabernet or zesty Zinfandel. Fri., June 28, 5:30-8 p.m. 4th Friday Uncorked: Wild West and Line Dancing. Music by Steve Kritzer, little bit rock 'n roll, folk, bluegrass, country. Bartlett Family Dancers will lead line dancing. Refuel on zin-acious chili beans and corn bread. Event includes appetizers, music and a glass of wine. \$10 for non-club guests and \$5 for club members up to a party of 4. www.charlesrvineyards.com
- McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Tapas, Tasting and Tunes, Fri., June 14 and Fri., June 28, 6 to 9 p.m. Posada Catering will be selling gourmet tapas, Greg Chambers will offer live Jazz for you to enjoy, and a special wine flight or wine by the glass and bottle. \$5/wine club member \$10/person. Father's Day Picnic, Sun., June 16, 12-4:30 p.m. live music on the patio, a new Rose Release, and plenty of tables and chairs setup, so come out and celebrate. For groups of 8 or more, please call for a reservation.

No outside wine or alcohol please. Release of 2010 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Reserve and Annual Cabernet Celebration Release Party on July 6, Live music by the Bacchus Brothers, wood-fired gourmet pizza by Soleil Pizza. and fun on the front lawn. Paellas, Pizza and the Patriot, July 13, celebrate Independence Day with the Patriot Cabernet. Enjoy small plates of Paella from Juan Mendivel and Gourmet Wood-Fired Pizza by Soleil Pizza. The Pink Pirates will be playing. Tickets are required \$35/person, \$29/ wine club member. www.mcgrailvineyards.com or (925) 215-0717. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

- Father's Day at Murrieta's Well, Sun., June 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. BBQ by Bart's Blazin' BBQ and live music. Special flight paired with featured BBQ pork slider. Visit early. Limited to supply on hand.\$5 Silver Spur Members, \$10 non members. Wear an ugly tie and save \$3. For information call 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.
- Double Decker, Tues., June 18, 6 to 9 p.m., hop on the bus progressive dinner: evening featuring Double Decker Pinot Grigio and Red Blend, delicious food from A Loveable Feast, music by DJ Left of Right, and much more. Space is limited. 925-456-2380. Tamas Estates Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Tickets \$35 for Salte club members, \$50 general, \$45 at the door.
- Wine, Beats & Mobile Eats, Sun., June 29: Feast on fare from local food trucks while sampling wines from Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well, Tamas Estates, and Double Decker. Enjoy live music from Silent Partner. Event entry is complimentary. Wine tasting \$20 per person or \$15 for Club Members. For information call 925-456-2305. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.
- Taste our Terroir, Thursday through Sunday, July 18-21, 2013: Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair spans four delectable days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast a vote for the coveted People's Choice award. Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host cooking classes, barrel seminars, vinevard tours and more Saturday night, guests join winemakers for a varietal dinner in an elegant wine country setting. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com **Blacksmith Square**, music every

- Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.
- Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.. from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.
- Pavlo, Canadian guitar master, June 28 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Led Zeppelin Concert Experience, West Coast Performing Arts Presenters, June 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Martina McBride, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Wed., June 26. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com
- Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, July 7, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Under the Sun Tour 2013 featuring Smash Mouth, Sugar Ray and Gin Blossoms with special guests Vertical Horizon and Fastball. 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Wed., July 10. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com
- Huey Lewis and the News, "Sports" 30th Anniversary Tour, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Tues., July 16. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com
- Counting Crows and the Wallflowers, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Wed., July 17. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com
- Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Series: Classic Soul, The Songs of Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin, July 20, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org.
- A Cabaret Gone Choral II, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 27, 2 and 8 p.m. and July 28, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Perils and Passions on the Farm, Celebrate the genre of the melodrama in 3 plays in various venues on the farm. A fund-raiser to benefit The

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

San Ramon Historic Foundation and Danville's Role Players Ensemble. Sat., June 22, 5 p.m. Come early and bring a picnic for 6 p.m. performance. Sun., June 23, 1 p.m. opening, 2 p.m. performance with ice cream social at intermission Forest Home Farms Historic Park. 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Tickets \$30 for adults; \$15 for children under 12 - To reserve tickets call 925 820-1278 or email SanRamonhf@gmail. com Casual dress: flat-heeled shoes recommended. All proceeds will be divided equally between the programs of RPE and SRHF

- Golden Follies, Sunday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. Fast paced Las Vegas-style revue featuring seasoned performers ages 60-88 from all over northern California. Lavish costumes and stylish, high-energy choreography. Strutting and tapping to the classics, they dance their way across our great country with their "Come Fly with Me" numbers, as well as tributes to Marilvn Monroe, Elvis, and Michael Jackson, Award-winning chanteuse Darla Wigginton is special guest. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with senior and youth discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.
- Macbeth, Free Shakespeare in the Park, Amador Valley Community Park, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, June 29 to July 14, Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m.
- Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, The Taming of the Shrew, and the madcap comedy of manners, The Liar, adapted by David Ives from a farce by Pierre Corneille. The productions play in repertory June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes. org or 1-800-838-3006. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.
- Samantha Samuels' Kabaret for Kids, July 12 and Aug. 2, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org. Oliver, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre
- mainstage musical, weekends July 20 to Aug. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

Bishop Ranch Outdoor Movie Night,

Fri., June 21, dusk. 6111 Bollinger Canyon Road (Bishop Ranch 1), San Ramon. Free summer screening of Jurassic Park. No reservations required. Note: To ensure that everyone can see the screen, we ask that those attending bring only blankets and low beach chairs. The evenings can be chilly in San Ramon – dress warmly.

- Civil War on Film, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. June 28, 2 p.m. "Glory; July 12, 2 p.m. Lincoln; July 19, 2 p.m. Conspirator. www. ci.pleasanton.ca.us
- Picnic Flix, movies begin at dusk, approx. 8:30 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. July 12: Madagascar 3; Aug. 2, Angels in the Outfield; Aug. 23, Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3. No pets please. 556-4500 for more information.

DANCE

Forest Fantasia Dance Changes Everything, Livermore School of

Dance, Junior, June 15, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater. org or 373-6800.

- Dance Changes Everything, Livermore School of Dance, jazz, June 21 and 22, 7 and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Sleeping Beauty with a Twist, Livermore School of Dance Ballet, June 22 and 23, 7 and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS All aboard Noah's ark! Calling all

children and youth to sing and dance under the rainbow in Benjamin Britten's children's opera, "Noah's Flood." The call is out for all creatures great and small to attend a two-week opera camp. July 1-12, and then sail away with Mr. and Mrs. Noah on the Ark. "Noah's Flood" will have two public performances: July 13 at St. Bartholomew's Church in Livermore and July 14 at St. Clare's Church in Pleasanton. The opera, recently featured in the hit movie "Moonrise Kingdom," will be co-produced by Cantabella Children's Chorus and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. For more information and to register for the camp, call Cantabella at (925) 292-2663, or visit the online registration site http://cantabella.org/ opera-camp/. No experience needed. Financial assistance is available.

OPERA

21st Annual Opera in the Vineyard, 5 to 8p.m. July 21. Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore. Arias a la Carte will be featured. www.livermorevalleyopera. com for tickets and information.

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

- We're Talkin' Books! Club is a
- member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the We're Talkin' Books! Club.
- Firehouse First Fridays Open House, July 5 and Aug. 2, 5 to 7 p.m. Activities range from Open Mic in the Firehouse Theater, the show in the Harrington Art Gallery to a hands-on art project for the kids. Free event. Open to all ages. Firehouse Arts Cen-

ter, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

- Bonsai Show, Valley Bonsai Society 5th annual show June 15-16, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, 10am to 4pm. Expert on hand to demonstrate styling. Finished tree will be raffled.
- Alameda County Fair, June 20-July 18, live horse racing, carnival rides, entertainment, exhibits, animals, etc. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, www.alamedacountyfair.com.
 Lincoln and the Constitution Today, a panel discussion. Sun., July 7, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Presented by the Museum on Main in the Pleasanton Library's large meeting room. Featuring Profs. Margalynne Armstrong (Santa Clara), Daniel Farber (UC Berkeley), and moderator Prof. Jesse Choper (UC

Noah's Ark Sets Sail in Benjamin Britten opera

Local audiences can celebrate Benjamin Britten's 100th anniversary summer with *Noah's Flood*, his children's opera to be performed Saturday, July 13 in Livermore and Sunday, July 14 in Pleasanton. The opera retells the story of the Biblical flood and God's covenant with man, symbolized by the rainbow. It was recently featured in the hit movie *Moonrise Kingdom*.

Noah's Flood is adapted from a medieval mystery play, *Noye's Fludde*, which was performed on pageant wagons by rural tradesmen. It was a time when stories and song took the place of written words for largely illiterate audiences.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and the Cantabella Children's Chorus have joined forces to produce the opera. Professional opera singers take the roles of Noah and his wife; community members young and old are cast in other roles. A chorus of local children and youth perform. Some youngsters will be imaginatively costumed to represent the birds and beasts that sail on the Ark with Noah and his family.

Britten wrote his opera to be performed in churches both by experienced and inexperienced singers who would contribute earnestness rather than polish. In his notes he stresses simplicity and sincerity in delivery. He wrote the choral music with children in mind.

This production honors those values and focuses on a story that has drama and humor, a great deal of water, and great resonance for the concerns of our time.

Baritone Roberto Perlas Gomez plays Noah. He is a veteran of more than 90 operatic roles here and abroad, including several with the Livermore Opera. Lyric soprano Joyce Parry Moore, rector at St. Bart's, will play his wife. She is an experienced actor/singer who had White & Blue, July 3, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net Livermore Fourth of July event, Thurs.,

Berkeley). www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

1st Wednesday Street Party, Red.

- July 4, 4 to 10 p.m. Fireworks, community gathering with fun, games, food and drink. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. An Evening with Babe Ruth, Tues..
- July 9, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, The Bambino is portrayed by Frank Mullen. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.
- 2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, July 25, 11:30 a.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Annual Innovation Forum. Livermore Valley

her own company in Juneau,

Alaska. The stage director

is Patrick Moore, actor and

director of many produc-

tions. Cantabella founder

Bee Chow is music director.

Bob Williams of Pleasanton

will conduct a live orchestra

of professional and amateur

and 7 pm Saturday, July

13 at St. Bartholomew's

Episcopal Church, 678 Enos

Way, Livermore and 4:30

and 7 pm Sunday, July 14

at St. Clare's Episcopal

Church, 3350 Hopyard

\$17 may be purchased at

cantabella.org/tickets for

\$8 children and youth 17

and under; \$10 seniors, \$17

general; \$45 for a family of

four. Tickets at \$10-\$20 also

will be available at the door.

students will present a free

pre-show festival at 4 pm

Saturday and Sunday on

church grounds.

Vacation Bible School

Advance tickets at \$8-

Road, Pleasanton.

Performances are at 4:30

musicians.

Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

- Summer Wine Stroll, July 27, 5 to 8 p.m. Main St., Downtown Pleasanton. Tickets and information at www. pleasantondowntown. net. Summer series on Lincoln, Civil War
- and Constitution:
- · Abraham Lincoln and the Struggle Against Slavery and Disunion: A Sesquicentennial Perspective: Sunday, June 23: 2-3:30 PM, Pleasanton Public Library. Historian Gerald Henig (Professor Emeritus, CSU East Bay) examines the myths and the realities of Lincoln's role in the war that transformed America, from his opinions on slavery and African-Americans to his talents as wartime commander-inchief to his ideas for dealing with the defeated Confederacy. Free program presented with support from ALA Public Program Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities, www ci.pleasanton.ca.us.
- Lincoln and the Constitution Today: Sunday, July 7: 2-3:30 PM, Pleasanton Public Library. Legal scholars Margalynne Armstrong and Daniel Farber discuss with moderator Jesse Choper how the issues of the Civil War still affect America today. Free program presented with support from ALA Public Program Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.
- Family Day: Civil War Encampment. Saturday, July 13: 11 AM-2 PM, Museum on Main front lawn. Civil War re-enactors present the daily lives of Johnny Reb and Billy Yank on campaign, and receive a visit from President Lincoln. Free program.

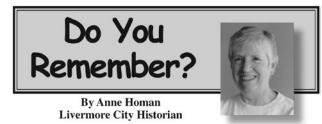
Bonsai Show at Alden Lane

The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 5th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore.

A bonsai expert will be on hand each day to demonstrate the complete styling of a young tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled.

For more information, call Chip Harder at 980-3438.



Downtown Livermore with Third Graders



The gentle splashing of the fountain was gradually overcome by the eager sounds of third graders released from their classroom for the morning. We met them, their teacher, and about five parents in front of the Carnegie Building on Third Street. We brought large photos to reveal the past to the children. The first photo was of the building when it was the Carnegie Library. I asked them to tell me how today's building is different from that in the photo. They had many different ideas-today, the site has more steps, lights, landscaping. In the photo, words at the top of the columns spell out "Livermore Library." One boy said that the photo was black and white, while the building is very colorful. I told them a little about the history of the building and of Carnegie Libraries. Then I sent someone down to look at the white brick in the red brick path and tell us what word was on it. The answer was "Livermore." I talked about the Livermore Brick

Photo - Richard Finn

plant, which once stood where the Brickyard Shopping Center is, with Trader Joe's and Shari's. A sign in front of Cavalieri's Jewelers there tells the story of the old bricks.

We started down the red brick path and crossed Third and K Streets. Drivers waited patiently for our long snake of people to cross the streets. We turned left on Second Street and stood in front of Wells Fargo, looking across at the green stucco building. Our photo of it shows the year "1910" at the top when the building was brick. We noticed the metal squares up near the top of the structure, and I explained that they show that the old building had been retrofitted to prevent earthquake damage. Many years ago it was a winery, erected by the Raboli brothers. They came here from Italy and lived in the little wooden house next door. After their wives came from Italy, however, and they began having children, they needed a larger house. They hired an architect to

build an Italian "villa." The third graders agreed with me that the yellow brick house is beautiful. Unfortunately, I told them, no one can live there because it has not been retrofitted. Also, it would need a great deal of work on the plumbing system. With four adults and nine children, the Rabolis lived here with only one toilet. Retrofitting and plumbing would be very expensive, and today, no one lives there because of the cost. They had many questions about this.

We walked a little way up Second Street and stood next to the Wells Fargo parking lot. We have a photo that shows what people used long ago to dig holes—large scoops pulled by horses. The men in the photo were digging the cellar for the Ferrario Winery. The next photo showed the Ferrario Winery, which filled the area where the parking lot and the bank are today. I spoke a little about Prohibition and how it affected the early wineries. What did they do to survive? The Wentes raised cattle, and the Concannons continued to make wine, but only for the Catholic Church. I had them look around for more evidence of retrofitting, and they found it in the last remaining wall of the Ferrario Winery—very noticeable red metal squares.

The last two buildings on the south side of Second Street belonged to the Gardella brothers, also from Italy. Jack Gardella, I told them, played the clarinet and the saxophone, and he put together a small orchestra, which entertained at events in Livermore and all over the Bay Area. This helped the family to survive Prohibition. We turned the corner onto L Street and noticed the horse shoe prints, brand marks, and other indications of interest in the Livermore Rodeo in the sidewalk. We went down L Street until we could all see the painting on the wall across the street. We

discussed what the artists had painted, including the carriage unconnected to the horse.

Next, I pointed to the north and told them we were going to cross Second Street and stop at First Street. I said that when we got to the corner, there was an old building that they would recognize. And sure enough, almost everyone pointed out the Donut Wheel, the only example in Livermore of the Googie architectural style. The designers of this type of building were interested in science fiction, in rockets, and new plane designs. The building is like an airplane hanger. When first built in 1941, the entire structure was the Purity grocery store, with plate glass all along the western side. Perhaps the attached parking lot is the first one in Livermore. I pointed out

that the property is for sale. At this time we looked at two of our photos—this street corner was very important in old town Livermore. On the southwest corner was the Valley Hotel, now replaced by a new commercial structure. On the southeast corner was the Washington Hotel. The first traffic light in Livermore was at this spot. Why, I asked, was this corner so important?

We continued, crossing First Street and stopping at the closed Kentucky Fried Chicken store. Here, we looked at a photo of still another two-story wooden hotel, which had been here on L Street. Again, why so many hotels here? I pointed up the street at the train station and explained that many people came to town on the train and stayed in the hotels. No one had cars, and there were no motels. We walked down to the train station parking lot, and I had the children sit on the curb while I talked for a while and answered their questions. (To be continued.) (Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)



Me and My Baby - painting by Kathleen Hill.

Artist to Display Artwork Featuring Horses During Art Happens

In conjunction with Art Happens in Downtown Livermore, Kathleen Hill will be the featured artist at the Downtown Art Studios at 62 South L Street from 5:30 to 8:00 on Thursday June 13.

Kathleen has been drawing horses for as long as she can remember. Just as it happens to so many young girls, she was bitten by the "horse bug" in second grade. She expressed that through drawing horses on all of her papers from school somewhat at the expense of her regular studies. She and her cousin, who suffered from the same infection, would go anywhere if there might be a horse available to see and touch, carrots at the ready. This passion never dissipated and she is still finding joy in creating art celebrating the horse.

With this show, she thought it would be fun to gather up the paintings and drawings of horses she has created and have them in one display. This also celebrates the 95th Livermore Rodeo and the ranching community that is such an integral part of life in the Livermore Valley. There is a very large community of sport and pleasure riders in the area of varied disciplines but all still centered around the love of the horse.

Kathleen is best known for her realistic portraits of animals, wild and domestic, and has been doing pet portraits in the Bay Area for over 25 years.



BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to editmail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Annual Flag Day Ceremony and Father's Day Brunch, Sun., June 16, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2117, Livermore. Ceremony at 10 a.m., brunch 11 a.m. \$10. Call by June 13 for reservations, 455-8829.

Birth announcement: Jerin and Kimberly Kingston of Livermore announced the birth of their son, Andrew Robert, on May 23, 2013 at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. This is their second child. Their first son, Brandon George, will be four years old in July. Proud grandparents are Joe and Brenda Barton of Livermore and George and Lin Kingston of Diamond Bar.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 13, at 7:00pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, Charles Crohare, third generation of the Crohare family in Livermore will speak on all phases of operation in olive growing and selling. He also has a site at the Livermore Farmer's market. An end of the year pot luck will start at 6:30pm. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org LHS Reunion, Did you graduate in 1982

LHS Reunion, Did you graduate in 1982 or 1983 from Livermore High School? A combined 30 year reunion is planned for this August 10th, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Ihsclassof82and83@yahoo.com

Volunteer visitors, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteers for their Friendly Visitor Program. The Friendly Visitor Program aims to decrease the isolation of a homebound senior by matching volunteers with seniors who share similar interests. Volunteers may also provide occasional transportation to errands. Please contact Mary or Lorie at 931-5388 on how to become a Friendly Visitor.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., June 17 at the IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. 7 p.m. doors open. Featured speaker: Hene Kelly Vice President, Legislative Director of the California Alliance for Retired Americans, telling congress "hands off" Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid. Rescheduled from May. www. californiaalliance.org for details. Discussion, refreshments. fun.

Dress a Girl Around the World, meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street Parish Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 15, 38–48 miles Feather Pedals ride starting at Dublin High School, 8:30 a.m. Mark Dedon, 997–3258. Sun., June 16, 30 miles, Shannon Center to Sunol and beyond, meet 9 a.m. in Dublin, Steve Kowalewski, 510-246–2815. Wed., June 19, 40 miles, Livermore-Lake Del Valle, meet 9 a.m. at the airport, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, will host humorist and author Eric Golub as the guest speaker for the Thurs., June 13 meeting. In 2009, Eric published his first book, "Ideological Bigotry." He followed with "Ideological Violence" and "Ideological Idiocy." Eric holds an MBA from USC and has been a stockbroker since 1994. The event will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, 6.30 p.m. Reservations: Phyllis Couper, coupclan1962@ pacbell.net or 925-462-4931. Cost: \$26 members, \$30 guests.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thursday, June 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Doug and Lindy Webb will share photographs and dialog of a trip they took in February to Argentina and Antarctica. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, June 20 from 7.30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at http://trivalleycares.org

16th Annual Pooch Parade, Wed., Aug. 7 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Évent runs in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade begins at 5:30 n m with dog tricks at 6.30 n m and the parade at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Beginners Internet and e-mail classes, Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used email, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of the Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Topics are: July 13, creating a border to attract beneficial insects: Aug. 10. getting a garden through the summer heat; Sept. 14, autumn blooming perennials/ planting for fall color, inviting birds for autumn - see production trees they love; Oct. 12, best drought resistant secret - bulbs; and Nov. 9, composting ABCs. Talks begin at 10 a.m.: topics may be subject to change. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore, Information, 930-1130

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in Pleasanton, June 18, noon, RSVP by June 15 to David, 833-7647. Happy hour in Pleasanton, June 20, 5 p.m. RSVP by June 18 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge, June 22, 1 p.m. RSVP by June 15 to Babs, 373-1480. Lunch in Danville, June 26, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by June 23 to Marsha, 830-8483. Family Dinner at Columbo Club in Oakland, June 29, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Gino, 243-1281 ASAP. Brunch in Pleasanton, June 30, noon, RSVP bo Ruby by June 27, 462-9636

Diabetes Self-Management Classes, free 7 week series will teach participants how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays July 11 though August 22, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. For LARPD register on-line www. Iarpd.dst.ca.us/ Space is limited.

Volunteer drivers, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments out of the Tri Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, etc.). The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license. a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@ cril-online.org. All services are free.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental

NAMI (Radonal Annance on Mental Illness), In:Valley Parent Resource and Support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite # 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004 It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping please visit www operationsam org email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Vet-

erans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday at 8 n 455-5039

Free counseling on job search skills and resume writing is now available at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20 minute consultation. Receive help with resume writing, find employment web sites, learn how to search for a job on the web, and get help with on-line applications. For appointments call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400. Library programs are free and open to everyone.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www. Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Unitárian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or www.uucil.org

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with

the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csio.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org. First Church of Christ. Scientist.

Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447–6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worshib. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org. St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 Noth Livermore Ave. Livermore Services

North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school – 9:45 a.m.; worship service – 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda. org/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see www. stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore, Rector: 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taize music; 10:20 am Godly Play for children; 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir (child care available). Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall for "Rite 13" and Journey to Adulthood" programs. www.saintbartslivermore.com for more information.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www. littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommuntiychurch. org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www. trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "Who bears the responsibility of moral education in our society?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Summer Sunday worship at 9:30 am with childcare and Sunday school. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. www.lynnewood. org, 925 846-0221.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www. centerpointechurch.org 925-846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org. Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Grief Workshop, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 13th & 27th July 11th & 25th August 8th & 22nd. 2013. No preregistration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-2377 for more information.

Summer Light workshops, Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm. Led by Rev. Karen Epps, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Love offering basis. More information: revkarenutv@gmail.com (925) 829-2733, press 1. See www.trivalleyunity.com for a complete list of all the Summer Light workshops under Services and Classes

Eckankar, "The Outer and Inner Spiritual Teachings" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, June 16 at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasenton. For further information, Please contact http://eck-ca.org/ by compute

Summer Light workshops, Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm. June 27: Evolutionary Living, Part I. Led by Rev. Karen Epps, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Love offering basis. For more info: revkarenutv@gmail.com See www.trivalleyunity. com for a complete list of all the Summer Light Workshops under Services and Classes. (925) 829-2733, press 1.

Milestones Community

Education

Lab Awards Teller Science Scholarships to Local High School Seniors

Five local high school seniors from Livermore and Tracy have been awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Edward Teller Science Scholarship.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, renowned physicist and Lab co-founder, are given annually by the Labo-

ratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies.

This year's award winners from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are Rachel Sowa from Livermore High School and Maryann Gong from Granada High School. The Tracy Unified School District winners are Max-

Kyle Marchini, a junior Music major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the spring 2013 semester. Kyle is a 2010 graduate of Homeschooled and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marchini (Deborah) of Livermore. Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Amador Valley High School seniors Taylor Dorsey and Claire Williams were honored by the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) CSU-East Bay Diablo Chapter at its annual awards dinner at The Brass Door in San Ramon on May 29th. They are the recipients of the Prospective Educator Scholarships, each receiving \$500. Two credential candidates from CSU-East Bay also received scholarships and a one-year PDK International membership that evening, Amanda Deen from Hayward and Teren Ruiz from Livermore. Deen is student teaching at Foothill High School in Pleasanton and Ruiz at the Berkeley Arts Magnet School.

Jeffrey Taylor of Livermore, Calif., graduated cum laude from Rice University on May 11. Taylor received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson delivered the commencement address.



well Gibbard of West High
School, Jonathan Wong of
Tracy High School and Pastor Villagomez of Kimball
High School. Each receives
a scholarship of \$1,000
toward a college education.

Sowa is interested in the physics of musical instruments, acoustics and sound. In fact, she made a musical instrument herself in the physics classroom. She received all A's in science courses and has been part of the Green Engineering Academy, a California Partnership Academy. She plans to attend UC Santa Barbara, College of Creative Studies, where she will major in computer science.

Gong excelled in all areas of study, especially science and math. She took nine science classes during her four years at Granada, and completed the Biotechnology Pathway, a program that prepares students for higher education and careers in biotechnology-related fields. She entered research projects in the Alameda County Science Fair two years, earning awards both years.

In addition, she served as captain of the Granada High School Science Bowl team in her junior and senior years. She will be attending MIT in the fall with plans to further her passion for science and engineering.

Richard Farnsworth, Nadine Horner, Linda Lucchetti and Scott Wilson of LLNL presented the awards to the students at the high schools' awards ceremonies.



The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association (PTSCA) delegation of 40 members celebrated a 30th anniversary year visit hosted by our friends. The delegation returned with a renewed sense of fellowship and commitment to our Sister City Association. Pictured are both the Pleasanton and Tulancingo groups in front of the Civic Center in Tulancingo. For more information about 30th anniversary activities planned for the Tulancingo Delegation's visit to Pleasanton in September please visit rgw PTSCA booth at the First Wednesday Street Parties every month from 6-9pm in downtown Pleasanton. New members are always accepted. Please visit www.ptsca.org for more information.

LARPD General Manager Earns Title of Certified Park and Recreation Professional

Tim Barry, General Manager of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, recently became a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) as designated by the National Certification Board (NCB) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources and leisure services professions who meet the eligibility requirements including a combination of higher education and/or work experience—and who successfully complete the national CPRP examination. The examination tests

knowledge in all aspects of general administration, programming and operations management for parks and recreation. CPRP certifications are valid for a period of two years, and professionals who wish to re-apply are required to complete professional continuing education unit requirements or equivalent academic course work.

Individuals certified as CPRPs meet high standards of education, expertise and experience established in the field for park and recreation professionals, and many agencies recommend or require CPRP certification when hiring for professional positions.

Barry has been General Manager of LARPD for 10 years and worked in the public parks and recreation field for several cities prior to coming to the District. He is currently Vice President of the California Park & Recreation Society, a statewide professional organization of more than 3,200 members. He holds a bachelor's degree in Recreation Administration and master's degree in Public Administration from CSU Long Beach.

The CPRP program is offered by the National Certification Board in coordination with NRPA and the CPRP Certification Committee.